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2	BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
3	IN THE MATTER OF: )
4	) ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION )
5	v. ) COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY, )
6	) No. 08-0532 Investigation of Rate Design )
7	Pursuant to Section 9-250 of ) the Public Utilities Act. )
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9	Chicago, Illinois November 3, 2009
10	Met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m.
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- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: On behalf of the Illinois
- 2 Commerce Commission, I call Docket 08-0532.
- 3 The Illinois Commerce Commission
- 4 versus Commonwealth Edison investigation of rate
- 5 design, pursuant to Section 9-250 of the Illinois
- 6 Public Utilities Act.
- 7 Can the parties identify themselves
- 8 for the record please, beginning with staff.
- 9 MR. FEELEY: Representing the Staff of Illinois
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- 17 MR. BERNSTEIN: And also on behalf of
- 18 Commonwealth Edison Company, Eugene Bernstein, Excel
- 19 Business Services Company, 10 South Dearborn,
- 20 Chicago, Illinois 60603.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Can the people from front to
- 22 back please chime in.
- 23 MR. TOWNSEND: On behalf of the Coalition to
- 24 Request Equitable Costs Together or REACT, the law

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- 20 Energy Consumers.
- 21 JUDGE HILLIARD: Is that all the appearances?
- (No response.)
- Staff, would you call your witness
- 24 please.

- 1 MR. FEELEY: Sure.
- 2 At this time, Staff would call Peter
- 3 Lazare.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Lazare, would you raise
- 5 your right hand to be sworn.
- 6 (Witness sworn.)
- 7 PETER LAZARE,
- 8 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 9 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 10 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 11 BY
- MR. FEELEY:
- 13 Q Could you please state your name for the
- 14 record.
- 15 A Peter Lazare.
- 16 Q And by whom are you employed?
- 17 A Illinois Commerce Commission.
- 18 Q Mr. Lazare, do you have in front of you a
- 19 document that's been marked for identification as ICC
- 20 Staff Exhibit 1.0, the direct testimony of Peter
- 21 Lazare in Docket No. 08-0532 that consists of a cover
- 22 page, a Table of Contents, 42 pages of narrative
- texts and attached Schedules 1.01 and 1.02?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 MR. FEELEY: Your Honors, that was filed on
- 2 E-Docket May 22,2009.
- 3 BY MR. FEELEY:
- 4 O Was ICC Staff Exhibit 1.0 and its attached
- 5 schedules prepared by you or under your direction,
- 6 supervision or control?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Do you have any additions, deletions or
- 9 modifications to make to ICC Staff Exhibit 1.0?
- 10 A No, I do not.
- 11 Q Mr. Lazare, do you have another document in
- 12 front of you marked for identification as ICC Staff
- 13 Exhibit 2.0, the rebuttal testimony of Peter Lazare
- in Docket No. 08-0532 dated October 2, 2009, which
- 15 consists of a cover page and 22 pages of narrative
- 16 text?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Was ICC Staff Exhibit 2.0 prepared by you
- or under your direction, supervision and control?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Do you have any additions, deletions or
- 22 modifications to make to ICC Staff Exhibit 2.0?
- A No, I do not.
- 24 O If I were to ask you today the same series

- of questions set forth in ICC Staff Exhibit 1.0 and
- 2 2.0, would your answers be the same as set forth in
- 3 those documents?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 MR. FEELEY: Your Honors, at this time, Staff
- 6 would move to admit into evidence ICC Staff Exhibit
- 7 1.0 and attached schedules 1.01 and 1.02 and ICC
- 8 Staff Exhibit 2.0, which is rebuttal testimony of
- 9 Peter Lazare.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Objections?
- 11 (No response).
- 12 Hearing no objections, Staff 1.0,
- 13 1.01, 1.02 and 2.0 will be admitted.
- 14 MR. FEELEY: Yes, Schedules 1.0, and 1.02.
- 15 JUDGE HILLIARD: Will be admitted in the
- 16 record.
- 17 (Whereupon, Staff Lazare Exhibit
- Nos. 1.01, 1.02, 2.0 were
- 19 admitted into evidence.)
- MR. FEELEY: Mr. Lazare, we're going to switch
- 21 seats now, so take a moment.

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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 2 BY
- 3 MR. TOWNSEND:
- 4 Q Good morning, Mr. Lazare.
- 5 A Good morning.
- 6 Q The technology working all right here? You
- 7 can hear us okay? You can see us?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 O Chris Townsend on behalf of REACT, the
- 10 Coalition to Request Equitable Allocation of Costs
- 11 Together.
- 12 Are you familiar with REACT?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O You know REACT is made up of some of the
- 15 largest commercial industrial and municipal entities
- in Northern Illinois, along with RESs that are
- interested in potentially serving residential
- 18 customers, right?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q And in your rebuttal testimony, you
- 21 recommend that the Commission initiate a workshop
- 22 process to address some of the issues raised in this
- 23 proceeding, right?
- 24 A That's correct.

- 1 Q You're aware that REACT issued a number of
- data requests related to your workshop proposal,
- 3 right?
- 4 A The staff, yes.
- 5 Q Specifically, REACT issued to Staff REACT
- 6 Data Request 1.01 to 1.06, correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q Do you have those responses in front of
- 9 you?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Those data requests and your responses
- 12 relate to your view of the scope and content of the
- recommended workshop process, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q In your answer to Data Request 1.01, you
- 16 indicate that Staff disagrees with the limitation and
- 17 the scope of the workshop process as advocated by
- 18 Mr. Alongi, right?
- 19 A And in certain respects, we have also come
- 20 agreement on issues, as well.
- 21 Q Let me go ahead and mark this for the
- 22 record, and if you could just take all of the pages
- as a single cross-exhibit here.
- 24 We'll call this REACT Cross-Exhibit

- 1 Lazare 14.
- 2 (Whereupon, REACT Cross-Exhibit
- No. 14 was marked for
- 4 identification.)
- 5 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 6 Q In Data Request 1.01 asks whether Staff
- 7 supports a workshop process limited to only the
- 8 specific issues identified by ComEd with Witness
- 9 Alongi, correct?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q And your response is:
- "No, Mr. Lazare believes the
- 13 process should also consider issues
- 14 raised in this docket not otherwise
- 15 resolved by the final order by other
- 16 parties that are relevant to the
- development of this cost of service."
- 18 Correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q So Staff believes the scope of the
- 21 workshops, as suggested by Mr. Alongi in his
- 22 surrebuttal testimony, would be too narrow, right?
- 23 A Yeah, I would believe that it should be
- 24 expanded or it should be -- the opportunity should

- 1 arise for it to be expanded based upon the input of
- 2 all parties to the case.
- 3 Q And the other data requests in your
- 4 responses, likewise, relate to that same view of what
- 5 the scope, content and the procedures of the workshop
- 6 process should be, correct?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: Rather than go through each one
- 9 of these, I move for the admission of REACT
- 10 Cross-Exhibit Lazare 14?
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: Objections?
- MR. FEELEY: No objection by Staff.
- 13 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay. REACT Cross-Exhibit
- 14 Lazare 14 will be admitted in the record.
- 15 (Whereupon, REACT Cross Exhibit
- No. 14 was admitted into
- 17 evidence.)
- 18 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 19 Q In your rebuttal testimony, Mr. Lazare, you
- 20 address the customer-care costs testimony of REACT
- 21 Witness Merola; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q You would agree that, as a general matter,
- 24 delivery services costs should be recovered in

- delivery services rates, right?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And you agree, as a general matter, supply
- 4 costs should be recovered in supply rates, right?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And you'd agree that, as a general matter,
- 7 common costs that are incurred to provide both supply
- 8 and delivery services should be recovered in both
- 9 supply and delivery services rates, right?
- 10 A I would say for many. I don't know if I
- 11 would say that's a general rule for all.
- 12 Q Do you agree with Mr. Merola that
- 13 customer-care costs that are solely delivery services
- 14 related should be recovered in ComEd's delivery
- 15 services rates?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 O Do you agree with Mr. Merola that
- 18 customer-care costs that are solely supply-related
- 19 should be recovered in ComEd's supply rates?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Do you agree with Mr. Merola that common
- 22 costs that ComEd incurs to provide both supply and
- 23 delivery services, customer-care services should be
- 24 recovered in both ComEd's supply rates and its

- 1 delivery services rates?
- 2 A Not necessarily.
- 3 And the example might be the cost of
- 4 billing, which a general rule for utilities is that
- 5 delivery services recover pretty much the full cost
- of billing even when it includes bundled service.
- 7 Q And do you suggest that the reason you
- 8 oppose that is because the bundled and unbundled
- 9 customers would be charged significantly different
- 10 billing costs, correct? That's at Lines 307 to 308
- 11 of your testimony.
- 12 A Right.
- That's identified in my testimony.
- Now, I've also, since been reviewing,
- for example, the single-bill option. And that
- 16 single-bill option which would cover the credit that
- 17 would be received if the ARES or the RES provided the
- 18 bill for all service.
- 19 It's a relatively low number. It's for
- 20 example residential customers 54 cents. And if you
- 21 take away the cost of postage, you're looking at, you
- 22 know, a little bit more than an a dime.
- So I think clearly the cost of billing
- 24 is far in excess of a dime. So I think the

- 1 Commission, in the past, when it came to single
- 2 billing, the single-bill option has, I think,
- 3 concluded that the bulk of billing costs should be
- 4 with the delivery utility.
- 5 Q You did not actually present any
- 6 calculation of the disparity in ComEd's rates that
- 7 would result if the Commission were to adopt
- 8 Mr. Merola's proposal, did you?
- 9 A No, I did not.
- 10 Q And you didn't present that analysis with
- 11 regards to the single-bill option in the testimony,
- 12 did you?
- 13 A No, I did not.
- 14 Q You'd agree that you did not actually
- 15 present any analysis of which ComEd customer-care
- 16 costs are supply-related and which ComEd
- 17 customer-care costs are delivery-services related,
- 18 right?
- 19 A I would agree.
- 21 100 percent of the meter reading costs to the
- 22 delivery services function, right?
- 23 A I'm pretty sure.
- I mean, I read it a while back so I

- 1 might -- I'll accept that.
- 2 Q Would you agree that if the underlying
- 3 costs associated with providing customer-care
- 4 services varies substantially between bundled and
- 5 unbundled customers that the bundled and unbundled
- 6 rates should be different?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q In your rebuttal testimony, you suggest
- 9 that Mr. Merola's analysis could set a precedence for
- 10 other Illinois gas and electric utilities, right?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Did you present an analysis of other gas
- 13 and electric utilities cost-of-service studies to
- 14 demonstrate whether they already allocate
- 15 commodity-related customer-care costs in the
- 16 commodity portion of the rates?
- 17 A No, I did thought.
- 18 Q Do you know whether other Illinois gas and
- 19 electric utilities track which customer-care costs
- 20 are commodity related and which are delivery related?
- 21 A I am not aware of any gas electric utility
- 22 that does so.
- 23 Q Did you perform an investigation as to
- 24 whether or not they do or don't?

- 1 A No, I did not.
- 2 Q By the way, to the extent that
- 3 implementation of Mr. Merola's analysis resulted in
- 4 some future unintended consequence for bills of other
- 5 utilities, the Commission would have jurisdiction to
- 6 initiate a proceeding or reopen this proceeding or
- 7 take other action to address that, right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 MR. TOWNSEND: No further questions.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: ComEd is top of the order
- 12 here.
- 13 Are you ready to go?
- MR. ROONEY: Yes, I have just a few questions.
- 15 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 16 BY
- 17 MR. ROONEY:
- 18 Q Good morning, Mr. Lazare.
- 19 A Good morning.
- 20 Q John Rooney on behalf of Commonwealth
- 21 Edison Company.
- Now, Mr. Lazare, as I said, I have
- 23 just a few introductory questions.
- 24 You filed your rebuttal testimony in

- 1 this case on October 2nd of this year, correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And that was in response to ComEd rebuttal
- 4 testimony that was filed on June 19th of this year,
- 5 subject to check, if you take that as the date that
- 6 it was filed?
- 7 A It was in response to intervenor's direct
- 8 testimony, but...
- 9 O Correct.
- 10 So -- actually, that's correct, but in
- 11 terms of ComEd's testimony, that was filed on
- 12 June 19th of this year?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Okay. And at the time that you filed your
- 15 rebuttal testimony in this case -- I turn your
- 16 attention to Page 10 of your rebuttal testimony, 9
- 17 and 10. And there's a question and answer that
- 18 begins on Line 203 and an answer that ends on
- 19 Line 212.
- Let me know when you're there.
- 21 A I'm there.
- 22 Q And that's where you recommend a workshop
- 23 process to be held; is that correct?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q And if I understand your answer, at the
- time you filed your testimony, you identified the
- 3 scope of the workshops to be that set forth in the
- 4 one sentence that begins on Line 208 and reads:
- 5 "The workshop's to be led jointly
- 6 by the Commission and Staff and open to
- 7 all interested parties to examine issues
- 8 such as the use of direct observations
- 9 in developing estimates of primary and
- 10 secondary costs and future data
- 11 gathering efforts to ensure a more
- 12 accurate differentiation of primary
- and secondary service costs."
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q And nowhere within your testimony, at that
- 16 point in time, do you identify issues other than
- 17 primary and secondary costs and issues related to
- 18 primary and secondary costs that would be subject to
- 19 a workshop, correct?
- 20 A Yes, that's correct.
- 21 Q And in the data request responses,
- 22 Mr. Lazare, that have been identified as REACT Lazare
- 23 Cross-Exhibit No. 14, you're asked a series of
- 24 questions regarding your interpretation of the scope,

- in part, the scope of the workshop process you
- proposed, correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q As I understand your responses to these
- 5 questions, the scope that you identify respond to
- 6 issues that go beyond the primary and secondary costs
- 7 that are identified in your rebuttal testimony,
- 8 correct?
- 9 A They don't go beyond the scope presented in
- 10 my rebuttal testimony, no.
- 11 The rebuttal testimony only presented
- 12 examples. It didn't say that it would be limited to
- 13 those items. It just identified a couple of examples
- of issues to address in the workshops.
- 15 Q I guess, that's where I'm interested in
- 16 your -- the one sentence in your rebuttal testimony,
- 17 because it states:
- 18 "Would examine issues such as
- 19 the use of direct observations in
- 20 developing primary and secondary
- 21 costs and future data gathering
- 22 efforts to ensure a more accurate
- 23 differentiation of primary and
- 24 secondary services costs."

- 1 A Right, those are two issues of concern to
- 2 me. And so those were two examples I presented in
- 3 the rebuttal testimony. But there's nothing in that
- 4 passage that seeks to limit the scope of the
- 5 workshops to only those issues.
- If it was only those issues, it would
- 7 have been crafted in a different manner.
- 8 Q And is it your testimony then that you're
- 9 not proposing any scope to the workshops, any
- 10 limitations on the scope of the workshops?
- 11 A No, I didn't say one way or another exactly
- 12 what the extent of issues would be in that testimony.
- 13 I just indicated it would address
- 14 certain issues and at that point it was not
- 15 specifically defined.
- 16 Q But now -- I'm turning now to the
- 17 Cross-Exhibit 14.
- 18 As I read each of your answers, it
- 19 speaks to that the Commission should consider other
- 20 issues raised.
- 21 So am I wrong in interpreting your
- 22 data request responses that you're not suggesting a
- limitation to the workshop process?
- A No, I'm saying within that rebuttal

- 1 testimony, there's no specific language that says
- 2 this -- these are the only issues that will be
- 3 addressed in the workshops.
- 4 Q Okay.
- 5 A Now, when it comes to the responses to the
- 6 data requests, well, at that juncture, I had a more
- 7 specific set of limitations in mind for what should
- 8 be addressed in the workshop.
- 9 So it was somewhat of an evolution of
- 10 my thinking to what extent, what areas the workshop
- 11 should go into, and those were the limitations I
- 12 thought appropriate.
- O So in terms of timing of this evolution,
- 14 REACT served these DRs to you, to Staff, on Friday
- afternoon, October 30th; is that correct?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Okay. And you responded to those yesterday
- 18 morning, correct?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q So that evolution then took place over the
- 21 weekend?
- MR. FEELEY: Objection; it's a
- 23 mischaracterization of the witness' testimony.
- 24 MR. ROONEY: Well, he mentioned that his

- 1 thinking evolved after receiving the DRs.
- 2 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think he can answer the
- 3 question.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Well, essentially what happened
- 5 is in my rebuttal testimony, I thought it would be
- 6 appropriate to hold workshops given some of the
- 7 issues that arose with the availability of data on
- 8 which to develop these costs studies. And the
- 9 thinking just continued to evolve from that day I
- 10 filed testimony until I responded to those data
- 11 requests. And as I sat and thought about them more
- 12 in more depth, I thought more specifically about what
- 13 the limitations should be on those workshops.
- 14 BY MR. ROONEY:
- 15 Q Just so I better understand your response
- 16 to these data requests, do I read these responses to
- 17 indicate that if the Commission makes a determination
- in the final order in this case, that we would not be
- 19 necessarily revisiting those issues in a workshop
- 20 process?
- 21 A Well, it's difficult to say just because I
- 22 can't anticipate exactly what the Commission is going
- 23 to decide in its final order. But I think the point
- 24 of the workshops is to see if there is some common

- 1 ground on which to move forward in terms of getting a
- 2 more clear, better understanding of the cost of
- 3 service for Commonwealth Edison Company.
- 4 And I don't think look upon it as a
- 5 divisive manner, but just the opportunity without the
- 6 pressure of the hearing process in which to explore
- 7 and see if we can come up with some solutions that
- 8 the parties feel comfortable with.
- 9 O So to the extent that the Commission makes
- 10 a determination on issues in this case, would you
- 11 consider that to be revolved then?
- 12 A I assume that the Commission will make a
- decision about the workshop process, as well.
- 14 And if the Commission indicates that
- it's comfortable with the current process and doesn't
- 16 feel workshop is necessary to pursue certain issues,
- then we'll all be guided by the Commission order.
- 18 Q And with regard to that, do you recall or
- 19 were you present at a Commission meeting on
- 20 August 25th of this year to address issues relating
- 21 to the scope of this proceeding and data request
- 22 issues?
- 23 A August 25th of?
- 24 0 2009.

- 1 A Yes, I did listen in to that.
- 2 Q And one of the issues concerned the need
- 3 for the Company to engage in studies to provide
- 4 information that the Company doesn't currently have
- 5 available.
- 6 Do you recollect that discussion by
- 7 the Commission?
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm going to object to that. I
- 9 think that's a mischaracterization of the issues that
- 10 were before the Commission at the time.
- 11 Again, there was a very clear
- 12 procedural route that led to a limited review by the
- 13 Commission. Certainly, the Commission was informed
- 14 by the testimony it had presented in the case.
- 15 JUDGE HILLIARD: I don't think that was the
- 16 question. I think the question was did he recollect
- 17 the Commission's comments, something to that effect.
- 18 You can answer the question,
- 19 Mr. Lazare.
- 20 THE WITNESS: I think you referenced it to the
- 21 issues between ComEd and REACT regarding whether or
- 22 not they had -- you had sufficiently responded to
- 23 data requests or could respond to data requests and
- 24 I'm certainly aware of that.

- 1 BY MR. ROONEY
- 2 Q And you're not suggesting by virtue of the
- 3 responses that you gave in these DRs that the
- 4 Commission should not consider what it has previously
- 5 directed in this case?
- 6 A I don't understand your question -- what
- 7 you're asking.
- 8 O I'll withdraw it.
- 9 MR. ROONEY: Thank you.
- I have no further questions.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: CTA is the next one from left
- 12 to right.
- MR. BALOUGH: Your Honor, I have no questions
- 14 of this witness. I may take some additional time
- 15 with Mr. Alongi.
- 16 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. IIEC you're up.
- 17 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 18 BY
- MR. ROBERTSON:
- 20 Q Good morning, Mr. Lazare.
- 21 A Good morning.
- Q Did you enjoy your trip to Italy?
- 23 A I enjoyed the trip to Italy. I'm not so
- 24 sure about the trip back.

- 1 Q Well, my name is Eric Robertson. I
- 2 represent the Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers.
- 3 And given your discussion of the
- 4 workshops issues here today, it is my understanding
- 5 that you are also generally in agreement with the
- 6 thought that issues of concern to IIC regarding
- 7 elements of the primary/secondary analysis as
- 8 incorporated in the ComEd embedded cost-of-service
- 9 study would also be legitimate issues to be discussed
- in the workshops; is that correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Now, am I also correct that in recommending
- the workshops, you were giving some recognition of
- 14 the fact that there are legitimate concerns or may be
- legitimate concerns about the Company's embedded
- 16 cost-of-service study and its primary and secondary
- 17 analysis in this case?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And that your principal concern is that
- 20 there may not be in certain instances enough data
- 21 available in this case to implement any changes to
- 22 the study and the primary/secondary split analysis
- 23 that might otherwise be justified?
- 24 A Well, I think that -- you know, the

- 1 Company -- the Commission did ask for an alternative
- 2 study. So there really was not an option here to not
- 3 perform a study. And the Company has performed the
- 4 study. And as I said, I still find it to be the best
- 5 study in this proceeding; although, I have identified
- 6 a number of concerns.
- 7 Q As have other parties?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q Now, Mr. Lazare, could you please refer to
- 10 Page 4 of your rebuttal testimony.
- 11 A Okay.
- 12 Q Now, I think at Line 85, you mentioned 300
- 13 customers; is that correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Now, would you agree that the 300 customers
- 16 who take service at primary voltage are allocated a
- 17 portion of the costs associated with line
- 18 transformers that serve only customers at a secondary
- 19 voltage?
- 20 A Yes, to the extent that there's no credit
- 21 for transformers.
- 22 Q And, to your knowledge, has ComEd done
- 23 anything in its primary/secondary analysis or its
- 24 embedded study that would prevent line transformer

- 1 costs, such as the ones we were just discussing, from
- 2 being allocated to customers taking primary
- 3 voltage -- I'm sorry -- taking service at primary
- 4 voltage?
- 5 A No, not to my knowledge.
- 6 Q Now, if you would look at Page 7 of your
- 7 rebuttal testimony, Staff Exhibit 2.0.
- 8 A Okay.
- 9 O And I direct your attention to Line 151
- 10 where you use the phrase "receive service."
- 11 Do you see that?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Elsewhere in your testimony -- in fact, if
- 14 you look at Lines 143 and 145, you use the phrase
- 15 "take service."
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Do you use those phrases synonymously?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And when you use those phrases -- I know
- 21 that you use the phrases elsewhere in your testimony.
- 22 Are you referencing -- do you mean to describe a
- 23 situation of a customer who is -- well, what did you
- 24 mean by that phrase?

- 1 What is your concept of "take service"
- 2 or "receive service" at 151 when you say "at a
- 3 primary level"?
- 4 A Well, primary level would be 4 kV and above
- 5 so...
- 6 Q So it's the voltage level at which the
- 7 customer takes service?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q Now, would you agree or disagree that the
- 10 voltage level at which a customer takes service is
- 11 the voltage of the electricity entering the retail
- 12 customer's premises?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O Yes, you agree?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Now, is it correct that for the purposes of
- this case, you have accepted ComEd's demarcation
- 18 point for the beginning of the secondary system?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Now, do you have your responses to IIC data
- 21 requests here?
- 22 A Yes, I do.
- Q Would you accept, subject to check, that in
- 24 your response to IIC Data Request 1-3 (f), you

- 1 indicate your belief that a customer on a secondary
- 2 conductor, 1 inch away from the transformer taft,
- 3 should pay the same for delivery service as a
- 4 customer two poles and maybe many feet of conductor
- 5 away from the transformer?
- 6 A That's not quite what I said.
- 7 I said that --
- 8 Q Hang on. Let me look at it.
- 9 Okay. Mr. Lazare, looking at your
- 10 answer, you added some qualifiers; did you not?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And if I get the gist of the qualifiers,
- 13 would I be correct in assuming that basically you
- 14 believe the line between secondary and primary needs
- to be drawn somewhere, and that depending on where
- 16 you draw that line, you may have this kind of
- 17 situation?
- 18 A Yes. That if you draw the line, let's say,
- 19 at a foot, then you can have somebody who is 1 foot
- 20 and a quarter-inch away from the transformer in one
- 21 bucket and one just slightly less in another bucket,
- 22 and that's just by virtue of drawing a line.
- 23 Q Now, in that circumstance in order to draw
- the line somewhere, to just arbitrarily pick a point,

- 1 we would have to ignore, perhaps, cost of service; is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 A I don't know if I can agree with that.
- 4 Q Well, if the cost of serving the person on
- 5 either side of the line is the same, wouldn't we just
- for the sake of drawing the line somewhere be
- 7 ignoring cost-of-service principles?
- 8 A Well, cost-of-service principles say that
- 9 you have to, when you're developing cost of service,
- 10 put customers into categories.
- 11 And costing says that you arbitrarily
- 12 draw lines; for example, you might have customers,
- 13 nonresidentials, with a certain level of demand in
- 14 one bucket; and then if they have 1 kilowatt addition
- 15 and demands, that's in another bucket. So I think
- 16 it's very consistent with costing principles to
- 17 divide customers up by group, subgroup or by class.
- 18 And in each case, you're always
- 19 drawing a line. And whenever you draw a line, you
- 20 might find very comparable customers on either side
- 21 of the line.
- 22 Q Okay. So the cost of service might be the
- same on either side of the line or should it be?
- 24 A It can be very close.

- 1 Q But there should be some cost-of-service
- 2 distinctions; should there not?
- 3 A Well, for example, in a cost-of-service
- 4 study, you might have nonresidential customers up to
- 5 one level of demand in one customer class, and then a
- 6 slightly higher demand in another class and there may
- 7 not be any meaningful distinctions between the two.
- 8 But that's the way ratemaking has been done for as
- 9 long as I've been here, at least.
- 10 Q So part of the -- one of the issues that
- 11 would need to be addressed is whether or not the
- definition of the customer groups in each class was
- 13 reasonable?
- 14 A Are you talking about for the cost study or
- for the workshops? I'm not clear for what.
- 16 Q For a cost study.
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Now, in response to 1-3, there was a chart
- 19 that was included in that data request; was there
- 20 not?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And you were asked a series of questions
- about that chart; were you not?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q I'm going to mark Staff response to IIC
- 2 Exhibit 1-3 as IIC Cross-Exhibit 1?
- JUDGE HAYNES: 15.
- 4 MR. ROBERTSON: I'm sorry?
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: The next exhibit number is 15.
- 6 Please give three to the reporter.
- 7 (Whereupon, IIC Cross Exhibit
- No. 15 was marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 BY MR. ROBERTSON:
- 11 Q Now, as a practical matter with regard to
- 12 the customers shown in the chart in IIC -- your
- 13 response to IIC Data Request 1-3, the chart shows a
- 14 primary voltage conductor, a primary to secondary
- 15 line transformer, wires that extend from the
- 16 transformer to the secondary voltage to the
- 17 conductors and to a service drop in Customer D.
- Do you see that?
- 19 A Yes, I do.
- 20 Q Now, all the customers except Customer D
- 21 are -- I'm sorry -- all the customers except
- 22 Customers D and H are taking service from the
- 23 secondary voltage conductor; is that correct?
- A You said "except"?

- 1 Q I'm sorry. All of them except D?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 O And as a practical matter, what
- 4 difference -- strike that.
- Is it your understanding that ComEd's
- 6 point of demarcation between the primary and
- 7 secondary system is at a connection where the two
- 8 wires running from the transformer connect with the
- 9 secondary voltage conductor?
- 10 A That's my understanding.
- 11 Q All right. Now, on either side of that
- 12 point of connection, would you agree that both the
- wires running from the transformer and the secondary
- 14 voltage conductor are energized at a secondary
- 15 voltage?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And it's the same secondary voltage?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Now, notwithstanding ComEd's proposed
- 20 demarcation, could a reasonable demarcation between
- 21 the primary and secondary systems have been made at a
- 22 point where the primary lines attach to the top of
- the transformer, enter the transformer?
- A Where the primary system -- well,

- 1 certainly, at a point within the transformer you are
- 2 transitioning from primary voltage to secondary
- 3 voltage.
- 4 So, certainly, if you're looking just
- 5 at the primary voltage on the system, my guess is
- 6 that somewhere within that transformer, the primary
- 7 voltage ends and the secondary voltage begins.
- 8 Q Now, let me ask you a question at least in
- 9 this example:
- 10 If there were no secondary-voltage
- 11 customers, would you even need the transformer?
- 12 A If everyone kept service at the primary
- 13 level?
- 14 O Yes.
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Okay. So the function of the transformer
- is exclusively to provide service to secondary
- 18 customers; is that correct?
- 19 A Well, I would just make a distinction when
- 20 you say "secondary customers."
- Q Well, in our example here.
- 22 A Well, I make a distinction between D, H, F
- 23 and G. I don't consider them all the same kind of
- 24 secondary customers.

- 1 My focus is on whether each of these
- 2 customers uses the secondary distribution system, and
- 3 that's the key -- that's what the difference has been
- 4 between the IIC and the Company and where I disagreed
- 5 as well about --
- 6 Q Mr. Lazare, if I may, you have testified
- 7 that, if I understand your testimony, that a
- 8 demarcation point might be more appropriate somewhere
- 9 in the middle of the transformer?
- 10 A No, I just said that's where the voltage
- 11 goes down from primary to secondary. But the issue
- 12 here is allocation of the secondary distribution
- 13 system.
- 14 O Correct.
- And you've accepted the Company's
- 16 testimony on that issue. And my question to you is:
- Where else might it be reasonable to
- 18 draw the demarcation point?
- 19 And my question specifically is:
- 20 If this transformer serves no other
- 21 purpose than to reduce voltage from primary to
- 22 secondary so that customers on the other side of the
- 23 transformer can take service at secondary voltage,
- 24 what function does it serve on the primary system

- 1 that it would be necessary to serve if there were no
- 2 customers on the other side of the transformer taking
- 3 voltage that's secondary?
- 4 A Perhaps, I wasn't clear.
- 5 But I see this as you have two issues
- 6 here; one is the allocation of the transformer, and
- 7 the second is the allocation of the poles and wires.
- For the transformer, I would agree
- 9 with you that any customer receiving service at the
- 10 primary level should not have to pay for any of the
- 11 transformer costs that transform electricity from
- 12 primary to secondary levels.
- 13 And I think it would be inappropriate
- in the Company's rate design that these 300
- 15 customers, if they're accurate, not be allocated any
- of these transformer costs.
- Now, there is a second issue with the
- 18 poles and wires on, I guess, on which we would
- 19 disagree.
- 20 So I would say we have agreement that
- 21 for transformers that those 300 customers, if that's
- 22 an accurate estimate, should not pay for these
- 23 transformer costs.
- 24 O I probably ought to give up that we have

- 1 agreement, Mr. Lazare.
- Now, would you agree or disagree that
- 3 the position of Commonwealth Edison with regard to
- 4 the allocation of these transformers to a certain
- 5 extent ignores or gives minimal weight to the
- 6 function that the transformers actually serve?
- 7 A To the extent that they don't -- that they
- 8 consider primary for allocation to all customers and
- 9 don't exclude customers receiving service at the
- 10 primary level, I think that would be inaccurate.
- 11 Q Just so we're correct, your statement was
- 12 that my description was an accurate as opposed to an
- inaccurate representation; is that correct?
- 14 A Your point about the transformers, I think,
- 15 was accurate.
- 16 Q Thank you.
- Now, last set of questions,
- 18 Mr. Lazare.
- Do you have a copy of your response to
- 20 IIC Data Request 1-5?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And is it correct that in that data request
- 23 you are asked a series of questions about your
- 24 testimony at -- your rebuttal testimony at Page 5,

- 1 Lines 108 to 114?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And there you're discussing whether or not
- 4 Mr. Stow (phonetic) indicated the relative sizes of
- 5 his three subsystems; is that correct?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 MR. ROBERTSON: Rather than go through all
- 8 these, I would like to move for the admission as IIC
- 9 Cross-Exhibit 16, the Staff response to IIC Staff
- 10 Data Request 1-5.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: Objection?
- 12 MR. FEELEY: No objection by Staff.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Hearing no objections, IIEC
- Cross-Exhibit No. 16, which is the DR response, DR,
- 15 questions and answers will be admitted into the
- 16 record.
- MR. ROBERTSON: No further questions.
- Thank you, Mr. Lazare.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Do you want the other one, 15?
- 20 MR. ROBERTSON: 16. 1.3 is IIC Cross-Exhibit 15
- 21 and 1.5 is IIC cross --
- 22 JUDGE HILLIARD: I understand.
- Do you want 15 in the record or not?
- MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, please. I do.

- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: Are there objections to 15?
- 2 MR. FEELEY: No objection.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: 15 IIC Cross-Exhibit, Lazare
- 4 15 will be admitted in the record.
- 5 (Whereupon, IIC Cross Exhibit
- 6 No. 15 and 16 were admitted
- 7 into evidence.)
- 8 MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you.
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: Metra?
- 10 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 11 BY
- 12 MR. GOWER:
- Q Good morning, Mr. Lazare. How are you?
- 14 A Good. How are you?
- 15 Q I'm Ed Gower. As you know, I represent
- 16 Metra.
- 17 Mr. Lazare, as I understand your
- 18 testimony, you have some criticisms of ComEd's
- 19 analysis differentiating primary and secondary costs,
- 20 correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O And one of those criticisms is that ComEd
- 23 has not actively reviewed studies of primary and
- 24 secondary costs prepared by other utilities, correct?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And reviewing other utility studies, in
- 3 your view, might enable ComEd to learn other
- 4 utility's experience and avoid some of their
- 5 mistakes, correct?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Another concern that you have is that ComEd
- 8 relied too much on engineering judgment or
- 9 assumptions about primary and secondary costs and did
- 10 not do enough field inspections or direct
- observations to test or validate those assumptions;
- 12 is that correct?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Now, to address your second concern, you
- 15 recommend that ComEd do more direct observation and
- 16 that workshops be conducted to identify ways in which
- 17 Commonwealth Edison's analysis of primary and
- 18 secondary distribution costs could be improved,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q The purpose for that refined analysis would
- 22 be to ensure that costs were more accurately as
- assigned to the rate class that have caused ComEd to
- 24 incur those costs in providing delivery services,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Conversely, the other purpose of that
- 4 analysis, would be to try and ensure that ComEd's
- 5 costs that are not incurred to serve a particular
- 6 customer class are not assigned to that class for
- 7 rate design purposes; is that correct?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q Now, you also have concerns about ComEd's
- 10 proposed assignments of transformers costs; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Specifically, you recommended in your
- 14 rebuttal testimony, at Page 7, Lines 150 to 153
- 15 quote:
- "The Company should be required
- in its next rate case to identify the
- 18 non-high-voltage customers on the system
- 19 receives service at the primary level.
- 20 At a minimum, this information is
- 21 necessary to ensure that this customer
- 22 group is not allocated costs for
- transformers it does not need."
- 24 Do you recall that testimony?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q You also testified at Page 17 of your
- 3 rebuttal testimony at Lines 375 -- I'll give you a
- 4 moment to get there.
- 5 A I'm there.
- 6 Q Lines 375 to 381. And, again, I'm going to
- 7 quote:
- 8 "However, based on information
- 9 provided by ComEd, I find that all
- 10 but 300 or so non-high-voltage
- 11 customers shall be considered
- 12 secondary from the standpoint of
- transformers.
- 14 "Therefore, I would allocate
- transformer costs to all of the
- 16 300 customers receiving service at
- 17 primary voltages; thus, the effective
- 18 differences in the two positions is
- 19 that ComEd would allocate transformers
- 20 costs to those 300 customers receiving
- 21 power at the primary level while I
- 22 would not."
- Do you see that?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q And then just down below that same page at
- 2 Lines 384 to 389, you also testified:
- 3 "That cost causation would argue
- 4 that these customers not be allocated
- 5 transformers costs. A downward
- 6 adjustment in their rates reflect
- 7 this lower cost of service with
- 8 no transformer costs would be
- 9 appropriate.
- 10 "The Company should propose
- 11 rates in future cases for customers
- 12 taking service at primary voltages
- that do not include any share of
- the transformer costs."
- Do you recall that testimony?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Now, your concern with the transformer
- 18 issues is that rate classes should not be assigned
- 19 costs for rate design purposes where the costs are
- 20 not incurred in providing delivery services to that
- 21 rate class; is that correct?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Have you read Mr. Bachman's testimony in
- 24 this case?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And have you read the testimony of all the
- 3 other witnesses in this case?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. So you're aware that Mr. Bachman
- 6 testified that the railroad class uniformly only
- 7 takes service at 12.5 kV and that the ComEd system at
- 8 voltages below 12.5 kV has no service relevant to the
- 9 railroad class, correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And you're also aware that Mr. Bachman's
- 12 testimony is unrebutted and not controverted by any
- 13 other party in this proceeding; is that correct?
- 14 A That, I'm not sure of. I didn't determine
- 15 whether that's the case.
- 16 Q Well, I'm going to --
- 17 MR. FEELEY: I guess -- what is your question?
- 18 MR. GOWER: My question was: Is he aware that
- 19 Mr. Bachman -- he is aware, is he not, having read
- 20 everybody else's testimony, that Mr. Bachman's
- 21 testimony on those two points is unrebutted and
- 22 uncontroverted.
- 23 MR. FEELEY: That's beyond the scope of that
- 24 witness' testimony.

- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: Either he knows or he doesn't.
- 2 He said he doesn't.
- 3 MR. FOSCO: Right.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: Move on
- 5 BY MR. GOWER:
- 6 Q Mr. Lazare, you would agree, would you not,
- 7 that the railroad class is unique and it's the only
- 8 class that has two members and uniformly takes its
- 9 service at 12.5 kV, correct?
- 10 A Well, I know it only has two members. And
- I know Mr. Bachman's testimony. I don't remember if
- 12 CTA also is 12.5 and above.
- 13 Q I'm going to ask you to accept, subject to
- 14 check, that Mr. Bachman's testimony was that both CTA
- 15 and Metra take service at 12.5 kV, and that no other
- 16 witness has testified to the contrary. All right?
- 17 A Okay.
- 18 Q Now, would you agree -- you would agree,
- 19 would you not, that under traditional ratemaking
- 20 principles -- excuse me -- under traditional
- 21 ratemaking cost causation principles that the
- 22 railroad class should not be assigned any costs for
- 23 that part of ComEd's system providing services at
- 24 voltages less than 12.kV if those costs could be

- 1 reasonably identified without exorbitant expense;
- 2 would you not?
- 3 A Well, I mean, if you're talking about
- 4 traditional principles, in the past, there have not
- 5 been voltage differentiation in cost studies for
- 6 ComEd, so I mean, that's one tradition.
- 7 And there's also been issues about the
- 8 extent to which customers should be broken down into
- 9 rate classes.
- 10 But I think, based upon traditional
- 11 principles, I'm not sure if that was necessarily
- 12 argued for differentiation at the 12.5 kV level.
- 13 O Under traditional cost causation
- 14 principles, should the customer class be assigned
- 15 costs that were not incurred in providing service to
- 16 that class?
- 17 A Generally, to the extent practicable.
- 18 O And I would assume then that you would also
- 19 agree that ComEd should not assign to the railroad
- 20 class the costs of its distribution system carrying
- voltages less than 12.5 kV to the extent that it's
- reasonably practicable for ComEd to identify those
- 23 costs; is that correct?
- 24 A That would be fair.

- 1 O And so you would recommend that the cost of
- 2 service to the railroad class warrants further
- 3 analysis, either as part of the workshop you
- 4 recommended or by ComEd in the next rate case; would
- 5 you not?
- 6 A Well, I think it would be reasonable to
- 7 determine whether or not it would be feasible to do
- 8 that kind of differentiation.
- 9 O And that's something that should be
- 10 explored either in the workshop or as part of ComEd's
- 11 next rate case; is that correct?
- 12 A Certainly, if a party to the workshop
- 13 wanted to explore it, I think it would it be
- 14 reasonable.
- MR. GOWER: Thank you very much.
- I have no further questions.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: That's all the cross for this
- 18 witness, I believe.
- 19 Anybody else?
- Is there redirect?
- 21 MR. FEELEY: Does CTA have anything?
- 22 JUDGE HILLIARD: CTA waived their cross.
- MR. FEELEY: Peter, can we take a quick break?
- MR. FOSCO: Judge?

- 1 MR. FEELEY: Judge, can we take a quick break?
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Well, Peter said it's okay, so
- 3 it's okay.
- 4 (Laughter.)
- 5 (Whereupon, there was
- a change of reporters.)
- 7 JUDGE HILLIARD: I guess everybody's here that
- 8 needs to be.
- 9 MR. FEELEY: We have no redirect of Mr. Lazare.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay. I guess there's no
- 11 recross.
- 12 Thank you, Mr. Lazare.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: Disconnect us.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Just hit the power button, the
- 16 power strip there.
- 17 (Discussion off the record.)
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Merola, were you sworn in?
- 19 THE WITNESS: I have not been, no.
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Mr. Merola and --
- is Mr. Alongi here?
- 22 Raise your hand to be sworn, if you
- haven't been already.

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- 1 (Witnesses sworn.)
- JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Thank you.
- 3 MR. TOWNSEND: Before we begin with Mr. Merola,
- 4 we do have the testimony of Mr. Fults that we will
- 5 file electronically, but we'd like to note for the
- 6 record.
- 7 (Discussion off the record.)
- 8 MR. JOLLY: While we're doing that, can I do
- 9 Mr. Bodmer as well? Mr. Bodmer had no cross.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Well, let's finish with --
- MR. TOWNSEND: So on behalf of REACT, we have
- 12 previously filed on eDocket on May 22nd, 2009 the
- direct testimony of Bradley O. Fults, consisting of
- 14 Exhibit 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6.
- 15 Additionally, we timely filed the
- 16 rebuttal testimony of Mr. Fults and filed a corrected
- version of his rebuttal testimony on October 9th,
- 18 2009, which is REACT Exhibit 3.0. Later today, we
- 19 will file a verification from Mr. Fults with that
- 20 testimony which we'll label REACT Exhibit 5.0.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. You just handed me a copy
- 22 that has REACT 5.0 up here. Is it supposed to be the
- rebuttal is 3.0 and the affidavit is 5.0?
- 24 MR. TOWNSEND: The rebuttal should be -- oh.

- 1 No. What we've attached here actually is the
- 2 testimony from his prior case, which --
- 3 MR. SKEY: Those were exhibits to his direct
- 4 testimony. So we included hard copies of that as
- 5 well.
- 6 MR. TOWNSEND: We've given you the hard copies
- 7 which are his testimony from the prior case, which
- 8 was REACT Exhibit 5.0 in the prior case.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 10 MR. TOWNSEND: All right? So that's the full
- 11 package right there, okay?
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: And have you filed his affidavit
- 13 yet in this docket?
- MR. TOWNSEND: Not yet.
- JUDGE HAYNES: Okay. Are there attachments to
- 16 3.0?
- MR. TOWNSEND: No, there are not.
- 18 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: So what you handed us in two
- 20 parcels is the complete package, because we got one
- 21 1.0 to something with attachments.
- 22 JUDGE HAYNES: No. We should just go ahead and
- 23 let file on eDocket. And if you want to provide us
- 24 with hard copies, that's fine.

- 1 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. We'll do that in a manner
- 2 that has actually has the tabs. So that it's
- 3 referenced back to the exhibit numbers in this case.
- 4 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 5 MR. TOWNSEND: We'll do that later on today.
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Any there
- 7 objections?
- 8 Hearing no objections, REACT
- 9 Exhibit 1.0 with attachments 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5
- and 1.6, REACT 3.0 and REACT 5.0 will be admitted in
- 11 the record.
- 12 JUDGE HAYNES: And just to be clear, it's REACT
- 13 corrected 3.0.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: Corrected 3.0. That's
- 15 correct.
- 16 MR. TOWNSEND: That's correct.
- 17 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- 18 (Whereupon, REACT
- 19 Exhibit Nos. 1, 3 Corrected and 5
- 20 were admitted into evidence as
- of this date.)
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Jolly?
- 23 MR. JOLLY: First, can I enter my appearance.
- 24 Appearing on behalf of the City of

- 1 Chicago, Ronald D. Jolly, 30 North LaSalle,
- 2 Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60602.
- 3 The City -- may I approach? For Judge
- 4 Hilliard and for you, Judge Haynes.
- 5 The City submitted the direct
- 6 testimony of Edward C. Bodmer, City Exhibit 1.0, on
- 7 May 22nd. We filed a revised version of that on
- 8 October 16th.
- 9 Today, we will be filing a second
- 10 revised version which is included in the packets that
- 11 I gave you. So it'll be City Exhibit 1.0, second,
- 12 revised, that I would like to move for the admission
- of. It's just an errata just correcting typos and a
- 14 couple misspelled words.
- 15 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- 16 MR. JOLLY: I mean, if you want --
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Don't you have rebuttal
- 18 testimony, too?
- 19 MR. JOLLY: Yes. Okay. And then the City
- 20 filed Mr. Bodmer's rebuttal testimony on October 2nd
- on eDocket and served on all the parties.
- 22 We are going to file an errata to that
- and a revised version of Mr. Bodmer's rebuttal
- 24 testimony today on eDocket and serve it on the

- 1 parties.
- 2 And we'd move for the admission of
- 3 City Exhibit 2.0 revised.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- 5 The rebuttal testimony is Exhibit 2.0?
- 6 You didn't mention it.
- 7 MR. JOLLY: Yes, City Exhibit -- yes. City
- 8 Exhibit --
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- 10 MR. JOLLY: Yes, the rebuttal testimony is City
- 11 Exhibit 2.0. The version with that incorporates the
- 12 errata that will be filed today will be City
- 13 Exhibit 2.0 revised.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- 15 JUDGE HAYNES: And are there any attachments to
- 16 either of those exhibits?
- MR. JOLLY: No, there are no attachments.
- 18 And the City will also file City
- 19 Exhibit 3.0, which will be Mr. Bodmer's affidavit
- 20 attesting to those two documents.
- 21 Mr. Bodmer is out of the country
- 22 currently. He will be back in the country next week
- and so we won't be able to file it until next week.
- 24 JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Rooney, you have something

- 1 you want to say?
- MR. ROONEY: I have no doubt that -- to
- 3 question Mr. Jolly, but we haven't seen the one
- 4 corrected, the second revised direct.
- 5 MR. JOLLY: Sure.
- 6 MR. ROONEY: And we'll just maybe ask if you
- 7 could reserve ruling on that until we have a chance
- 8 to look at it and we can notify the ALJs.
- 9 JUDGE HAYNES: You'll do that by the end of
- 10 this hearing today?
- 11 MR. ROONEY: Maybe over lunch.
- 12 MR. JOLLY: Yeah, definitely. I could bring --
- 13 I could send it out over lunch, too.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. It'd be good to
- 15 get it done by the end of the day.
- MR. BERNSTEIN: Can you bring it here?
- 17 MR. JOLLY: I actually have a couple copies
- 18 here, too.
- 19 MR. BERNSTEIN: That's fine.
- 20 So we'll let you know after lunch.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: So we'll hold off on that.
- 22 Remind us, Mr. Jolly, to take care of it so we can
- 23 close the record.
- 24 MR. JOLLY: Okay. I will.

- JUDGE HILLIARD: Anybody else?
- 2 Okay.
- 3 MR. TOWNSEND: One other issue, your Honor,
- 4 before we call Mr. Merola.
- We do have two outstanding
- 6 on-the-record data requests. This morning, I had a
- 7 discussion with Mr. Rooney about both of those. He
- 8 directed us to a data request response to the -- on
- 9 the data -- on-the-record data request for the work
- 10 papers regarding the billing calls versus the supply
- 11 calls to the call center.
- 12 And he's following up further to see
- if there were work papers associated with that
- 14 because as you might recall, there was a specific
- 15 reference to a work paper that was prepared by
- 16 Mr. Leahy, and the data request response just doesn't
- 17 have that.
- 18 And then there also was the
- on-the-record data request for the updated switching
- 20 projections, which I think Mr. Rooney's going to
- 21 address after the lunch hour.
- MR. ROONEY: Correct.
- 23 JUDGE HILLIARD: So you don't need us to do
- anything in regard to those right now?

- 1 MR. TOWNSEND: Not at this point. But I just
- 2 wanted to -- both of those are still outstanding.
- 3 JUDGE HILLIARD: In process. All right.
- Would you introduce us to Mr. Merola.
- 5 MR. TOWNSEND: REACT calls Jeffrey Merola.
- JEFFREY MEROLA,
- 7 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 8 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 BY
- 11 MR. TOWNSEND:
- 12 Q And you've been previously sworn, correct?
- 13 A Thave.
- 14 Q And do you have before you REACT
- 15 Exhibit 2.0 entitled The Direct Testimony of Jeffrey
- Merola, with REACT Exhibits 2.1 through 2.7 attached?
- 17 A I do.
- 18 Q And do you intend for that to be your
- 19 direct testimony in this proceeding?
- 20 A Yes, I do.
- 21 Q And was it prepared by you or under your
- 22 direction and control?
- 23 A Yes, it was.
- 24 MR. TOWNSEND: And, your Honors, that was filed

- on eDocket on May 22nd, 2009.
- 2 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 3 Q Do you also have before you, Mr. Merola,
- 4 REACT Exhibit 4.0, corrected, entitled The Rebuttal
- 5 Testimony of Jeffrey Merola?
- 6 A I do.
- 7 Q And attached to that are REACT Exhibits 4.1
- 8 corrected, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5, correct?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q And do you intend for that to be your
- 11 rebuttal testimony in this proceeding?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q And was that prepared by you or under your
- 14 direction and control?
- 15 A Yes, it was.
- 16 MR. TOWNSEND: Your Honors, that was filed on
- 17 eDocket on October 9th, 2009.
- 18 And with that, we move for the
- 19 admission of REACT Exhibit 2.0 and 2.1 through 2.7 as
- 20 well as REACT Exhibit 4.0 with attachments 4.1
- 21 corrected, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5.
- 22 JUDGE HILLIARD: Hearing no objections, REACT
- 23 2.0 with Attachments 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 and
- 24 2.7 and REACT 4.0 with Attachments 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4

- 1 and 4.5 will be admitted in the record.
- 2 (Whereupon, REACT
- 3 Exhibit Nos. 2 and 4 were
- 4 admitted into evidence as
- of this date.)
- 6 MR. TOWNSEND: And we tender the witness for
- 7 cross-examination.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Rooney?
- 9 MR. ROONEY: Mr. Bernstein.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Mr. Bernstein.
- 11 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 12 BY
- 13 MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 14 Q Good morning, Mr. Merola. I'm
- 15 Gene Bernstein representing ComEd this morning.
- 16 A Good morning, Mr. Bernstein.
- 17 Q I'll try to keep my voice up. But if you
- 18 can't hear me, please speak up.
- 19 A Yeah, there's some ventilation right above
- 20 me. So...
- 21 Q I have a tendency to get quiet. So let me
- 22 know.
- 23 Please turn to your Exhibit 4.3
- 24 attached to your rebuttal testimony. It's a one-page

- 1 chart of data.
- 2 A Okay. I have it.
- 3 Q Directing your attention to the figure in
- 4 the lower right-hand corner of that page, that is in
- 5 Column J, Line 5, see the figure 87 -- well, I'm
- 6 going to round this -- \$87.97 million?
- 7 A Yes, I see it.
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: It's 87.97 million. Is that
- 9 what you said?
- 10 MR. BERNSTEIN: Yes.
- 11 BY MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 12 Q Yesterday, your counsel asked about the
- 13 total customer care costs that you, Mr. Merola, would
- 14 allocate the supply function in, and you referred to
- 15 a figure 88-point -- I'm sorry, \$88 million.
- 16 The \$88 million figure is the 87.97
- 17 figure that we just referred to in your exhibit,
- 18 isn't it?
- 19 A That is correct. Rounded up.
- Q Right.
- Now, this exhibit, REACT Exhibit 4.3,
- 22 shows your proposal to allocate customer care costs
- 23 between the delivery and supply functions --
- 24 A That is correct.

- 1 Q -- correct?
- Just to put it in some perspective,
- 3 Column A on this page shows the functional categories
- 4 in which you've grouped the costs, correct?
- 5 A Correct.
- 6 Q And B shows the total costs, some \$285
- 7 million, which you regard as the customer care costs
- 8 to be addressed in your testimony, correct?
- 9 A Yes. Those come out of the ComEd E-costs
- 10 directly out of the same functional categories that
- 11 ComEd allocates to the customer care costs.
- 12 Q All right. Let's for the moment put aside
- 13 Column C and D on this exhibit.
- 14 Column E shows the costs that you say
- 15 remain to be allocated between the delivery and
- 16 supply functions, putting aside the costs that you
- 17 would directly assign to supply that are handled in
- 18 Columns C and D, correct?
- 19 A I'm sorry. I didn't understand the
- 20 question.
- 21 Q Let me try to say it more clearly.
- 22 Putting aside for the moment Columns C
- and D which pertain to costs you would directly
- 24 assign to either supply or delivery, Column E shows

- 1 the costs that you say remain to be allocated between
- 2 the delivery and supply functions, correct?
- 3 A To be clear, Column E is the residual.
- 4 After you take the total costs, you
- 5 directly assign the appropriate cost to the delivery
- 6 function as ComEd has identified, and then you
- 7 allocate the cost of the supply function. So the
- 8 remaining costs that cannot be directly assigned are
- 9 those costs that are in Column E.
- 10 Q And, arithmetically, Column E is simply
- 11 Column B minus Column C and D, right?
- 12 A Correct.
- 13 Q Now, Column F shows the allocator that you
- 14 used to split those costs between delivery and
- 15 supply, correct?
- 16 A That is correct.
- 17 Q The Lines 1, 2, and 3 of Column F each show
- 18 50 percent?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q Is there an attachment to your testimony
- 21 that calculates those 50 percent factors?
- 22 A It is not an attachment. It is part of my
- 23 direct testimony.
- 24 O So there is no attachment that calculates

- 1 the 50 percent?
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: Asked and answered.
- 3 JUDGE HILLIARD: Sustained.
- 4 BY MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 5 Q Mr. Merola, would you point me to the
- 6 attachment in your testimony -- to your testimony
- 7 that provides the calculation?
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: Mischaracterizes the witness's
- 9 testimony.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: He said there is no
- 11 attachment.
- MR. BERNSTEIN: Thank you. He didn't say there
- 13 was none.
- 14 BY MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 15 Q Is there a work paper that shows your
- 16 derivation of the 50 percent figure?
- 17 A No, there is not a work paper.
- 18 Q Now, applying those 50 percent figures on
- 19 each of the Lines 1, and 2 and 3 to the costs in
- 20 Column E leads to the resulting allocations in
- 21 Columns G and H, correct?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q And adding in the amounts shown on Column D
- 24 produces the amounts shown in Column J, right?

- 1 A Adding Columns D to Column H results in the
- 2 Column J.
- 3 Q Right.
- 4 And adding the amount in -- and that
- 5 amount in J then represents, as you said before, the
- 6 total amount you would allocate to the supply
- 7 function, correct?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q And, again, that's the \$87.97 million
- 10 figure shown in Line 5 of J?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Now, let's focus for a moment on Line 4,
- 13 metering services.
- 14 So long as customers are billed for
- 15 supply service based on usage, a meter is needed to
- 16 serve that customer, right?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q Similarly, so long as customers are billed
- 19 for delivery service based on usage, a meter is
- 20 needed in order to send the customer a bill for
- 21 delivery service, right?
- 22 A I'm sorry. Could you say that one more
- 23 time? I didn't --

- 1 delivery service based on usage, a meter is needed in
- 2 order to send the customer a bill for delivery
- 3 service, right?
- 4 A I don't know that it's exclusively usage.
- 5 It could be use and/or demand components, depending
- 6 on the calculation necessary for the bill.
- 7 O Hm-hmm.
- 8 I'm not distinguishing between
- 9 kilowatt hours and kilowatts; but one way or the
- 10 other, we have to have a meter that records in one
- 11 form or another either kilowatts or kilowatt hours
- the customer's usage in order to be able to bill the
- 13 customer for delivery services, right?
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q Yet, in Column J on Line 4, you've
- 16 allocated none of the costs of providing metering to
- 17 the supply function, correct?
- 18 A That is correct.
- 19 Q Isn't metering a service that pertains to
- 20 both the supply function and the delivery function?
- 21 A I believe metering is a unique service in
- 22 and of itself that is part of ComEd's role currently.
- 23 It certainly could be done by other parties, but it
- is a unique activity that supports of the overall

- 1 business need.
- 2 MR. BERNSTEIN: Your Honors, I don't want to
- 3 strike that response, but I don't think he quite
- 4 answered the question.
- I asked him whether it's true that
- 6 metering service pertains to both supply and delivery
- 7 functions. I don't think he quite gave a yes or no
- 8 answer to that question.
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: Why don't you ask him another
- 10 question.
- 11 BY MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 12 Q Is it true that metering service pertains
- to both the supply function and the delivery
- 14 function?
- 15 A It is necessary to meter in order to be
- 16 able to bill a customer. Is it -- I'm not sure I --
- 17 I'm not sure I'm understanding the difference in your
- 18 question.
- 19 Q I'm not sure what you're referring to by
- 20 "difference." I'm not trying to trick you here.
- I thought we had agreed that a meter
- 22 was necessary to bill a customer for both delivery
- and for his supply?
- 24 A Correct.

- 1 Q And I'm asking, therefore, isn't it logical
- 2 that a meter -- a metering service pertains to both
- 3 the supply function and the delivery function?
- 4 A Metering is necessary to support billing.
- 5 Metering does not necessarily in and of itself
- 6 pertain to supply.
- 7 I think you're making an additional
- 8 connection there that I'm not.
- 9 O It's necessary to have a meter to bill a
- 10 customer for supply; you agree with that?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And yet, you're saying that metering
- service may not pertain to the provision of supply?
- 14 A Correct.
- 15 Q Can you explain that?
- 16 A Metering is an activity that is designed to
- 17 accumulate the usage and the determinants necessary
- 18 to calculate a bill. It is -- it is a support
- 19 function for the purposes of supporting billing and
- 20 other related functions, but in and of itself, it is
- 21 -- it's its own service.
- 22 In other words, so it could be
- 23 provided by any provider. It's not necessarily
- 24 integral to the supply function for a necessary part

- 1 of the supply function.
- 2 Q Would it be fair to say that a utility
- 3 avoids no metering costs by reason of a customer's
- 4 decision to shift to RES service for his supply?
- 5 A I believe that would be correct.
- 6 Q REACT Exhibit 2.1 is your curriculum vitae
- 7 or resume. I'm not sure which term is more
- 8 appropriate. Without going into the details of that,
- 9 let me just ask:
- 10 Have you ever been responsible for
- 11 management of customer service or customer care
- 12 operations for a utility?
- 13 A Not for a utility. I have been from a
- 14 supplier perspective.
- 15 Q Now, let me turn to your Exhibit 4.4 and
- 16 4.5. I'm going to ask questions about both. I'm
- going to try to do it together to try too avoid
- 18 asking the same question twice. If you keep your
- 19 finger on both, it would be helpful.
- 20 A I have those.
- 21 Q These two documents show your calculation
- 22 of allocated customer care costs for residential with
- regard to 4.4 and nonresidential with regard to 4.5
- on a per-kilowatt-hour basis consistent with your

- 1 allocations presented in your Exhibit 4.3, correct?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Let me direct your attention to a figure
- 4 first on Exhibit 4.4.
- 5 In Column E, Line 5, a figure -- I'm
- 6 going to round again -- \$71.36 million appears. Do
- 7 you see that figure?
- 8 A Yes, I do.
- 9 Q And correspondingly on Exhibit 4.5,
- 10 Column E, Line 5, a figure 16.61 appears. You see
- 11 that figure?
- 12 A 16.61 million. Yes.
- 13 O Yes.
- 14 Summing those two figures, I get 87.97
- 15 million, which is the same figure on your
- 16 Exhibit 4.3, Column J, Line 5, correct?
- 17 A Yes. That's correct.
- 18 O And that's not a coincidence. That -- the
- 19 figures that we've referred to on line -- on
- 20 Exhibit 4.4 and 4.5, as your source footnotes show,
- 21 are derived from the calculations that we've already
- 22 gone over on 4.3, right?
- 23 A That is correct. The two sum up to the
- 24 87-point -- 87.97 million.

- 1 Q Hm-hmm.
- Now, the figures shown in Columns H
- 3 and I of both Exhibits 4.4 and 4.5 would change if,
- 4 back on Exhibit 4.3, you'd had used different
- 5 allocators in Column F than the ones you show in
- 6 Column F on Exhibit 4.3; isn't that right?
- 7 A I'm sorry. Column F of which exhibit?
- 8 0 4.3 --
- 9 A 4.3.
- 11 A So are you asking if you multiply by a
- 12 different number, would you get a different result?
- 13 O Yes.
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q All I'm trying to establish is if you
- 16 change the allocator in Column E, you would change --
- 17 I'm sorry. If you change the allocator in Column F
- 18 -- misspoke -- you would get a different result in
- 19 Column J on Exhibit 4.3; and, correspondingly, you
- 20 would get changes to Exhibits 4.4 and 4.5 as they
- 21 flow from one to the other, correct?
- 22 A I don't agree that the allocator should be
- 23 changed, but if you change the math, you will change
- 24 the answer -- I mean, if you change the input, you

- 1 will change the math; therefore, change the answer.
- 2 Q Sure. I didn't mean to suggest you'd agree
- 3 otherwise. I'm just asking -- trying to establish
- 4 the relationship between the numbers.
- 5 So just to be clear then, the figures
- on 4.4 and 4.5 in Columns H and I of each of those
- 7 exhibits, the per-kilowatt-hour figures are derived
- 8 from and depend on figures on Exhibit 4.3, right?
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 MR. BERNSTEIN: I have no further questions.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: That's it?
- 12 You got redirect?
- 13 MR. TOWNSEND: Sure.
- 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY
- 16 MR. TOWNSEND:
- 17 Q Mr. Merola, Mr. Bernstein asked you about
- 18 the 50 percent allocator.
- 19 Can you explain how it is that you
- 20 developed that 50 percent allocator?
- 21 A Certainly.
- 22 I first looked to see if there was
- 23 any -- any information available from ComEd to derive
- 24 a suitable allocation of the common costs. So you

- 1 kind of walk through the mechanics.
- 2 I first started with the total
- 3 customer care costs. Those costs that ComEd
- 4 identified as being directly related to the delivery
- 5 function. With a couple of notable exceptions where
- 6 I didn't agree with their logic, I allocated those to
- 7 the delivery function.
- 8 Those that they allocated to the
- 9 supply function, which was a total of \$112,000 and an
- 10 adjustment I did for the contact call center are
- 11 allocated to the supply function.
- 12 That leaves you with a residual amount
- 13 that clearly and, I think, undisputedly supports both
- the delivery and the supply function.
- So, first, we've asked ComEd numerous
- 16 data requests in terms of whether or not there's any
- 17 data available to support that allocation. And their
- 18 -- the answer has simply been there is not. They
- 19 don't track anything to be able to support to that.
- 20 So I looked at other potential
- 21 functional allocators, including a percentage of
- 22 revenue that would be a potential allocator for such
- 23 costs which would give you more of a two-thirds share
- 24 to the -- to the supply function and more of a

- one-third share to the delivery function, if you
- 2 based it on revenue.
- I looked at also, based on my personal
- 4 experience in both designing and constructing and
- 5 implementing billing systems, at the complexity of
- 6 billing for supply versus billing for delivery. And,
- 7 clearly, billing for the supply function, given both
- 8 the hourly components on Rate BSH as well as all the
- 9 adjustments that have to be facilitated via Rider PE,
- 10 it's a more complex function than the billing on the
- 11 delivery side.
- So as a result, taking all that into
- 13 account, I said it's reasonable, given we have this
- 14 pool of shared costs that are clearly supporting both
- the delivery and the supply function, to evenly split
- 16 those, given any better information and based on my
- 17 own -- my own professional experience, to split those
- 18 between the delivery and supply function and allocate
- 19 those.
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: Does that explain your
- 21 testimony?
- THE WITNESS: It is, yes.
- 23 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 24 O Mr. Bernstein also pointed you to your CV

- 1 and asked about your experience there.
- 2 Can you explain what experience you
- 3 have that's relevant to the calculation that you made
- 4 in the allocation that you've recommended?
- 5 MR. BERNSTEIN: I object. That goes beyond the
- 6 scope of my direct. I asked him only one question
- 7 and that was whether he had ever had a position as in
- 8 charge of operations.
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: Overruled.
- 10 Go ahead.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Mr. Townsend, you're
- 12 speaking specifically about the functional allocator;
- is that what you said?
- 14 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 15 Q Yeah. What experience do you have that you
- 16 think is relevant to the other line of cross that
- 17 Mr. Bernstein had.
- 18 A Yeah, I have -- in terms of both the
- 19 customer care and the billing functions, I have both
- 20 been responsible for those areas from a supplier
- 21 perspective. I have designed the software necessary
- 22 to compute customer bills; implemented it; tested it;
- 23 facilitated the training associated with it.
- 24 So I'm very familiar with the process

- 1 that's required to be able to -- to both bill
- 2 customers and the customer service activities that
- 3 are involved.
- 4 Q Mr. Bernstein also asked you about the
- 5 allocation of metering services costs. Do you recall
- 6 that?
- 7 A I do.
- 8 Q If you were to allocate costs to supply
- 9 related with metering, would that -- what impact
- 10 would that have on the calculation?
- 11 A That would certainly increase the
- 12 allocation of the supply function.
- 13 O The fact that you did not assign the
- 14 metering -- any metering costs to the supply
- 15 function, do you think that that is further evidence
- of your position being reasonable?
- 17 MR. BERNSTEIN: I object. Asks the witness to
- 18 draw a legal conclusion.
- 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: Overruled.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Certainly, I think that it
- 21 demonstrates that I have reviewed all the components
- 22 that are associated with this and have used my -- my
- 23 experience and my professional judgment as to the
- 24 appropriate way to allocate these costs to the

- 1 appropriate customers within ComEd.
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: No further redirect.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: Is there recross?
- 5 MR. BERNSTEIN: Briefly.
- 6 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 7 BY
- 8 MR. BERNSTEIN:
- 9 Q I believe I heard you say that the costs
- 10 that you've allocated to the supply function -- I
- 11 think the phrase you used was clearly and
- 12 undisputably support the supply function.
- Do you recall using that phrase?
- 14 A I'm not sure in reference to -- you mean
- 15 just --
- 16 Q Just now, a response to Mr. Townsend.
- 17 A Just now?
- 18 Q I believe it was first question.
- 19 A I don't recall the exact terms I used,
- 20 but...
- 21 Q Let me ask you this:
- Does the provision of metering
- 23 service, quote, clearly and undisputably support the
- 24 supply function in the same way you used the phrase

- 1 earlier?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q Okay. How not?
- 4 A As --
- 5 Q Why not?
- 6 A As I explained earlier, the metering
- 7 services are a function in and of themselves. They
- 8 can certainly be competitive functions. They don't
- 9 necessarily have to be attached to the supply
- 10 function.
- 11 They are necessary to be able to bill
- 12 a customer, certainly, but they are not integrally
- 13 tied to the supply function.
- MR. BERNSTEIN: Nothing further.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Do you have any more
- 16 questions?
- 17 MR. TOWNSEND: No, your Honor.
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. We're through with
- 19 Mr. Merola.
- Thank you, sir.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Conveniently, it's noontime.
- Why don't we come back at
- 24 1:00 o'clock.

- 1 (Whereupon, a luncheon
- 2 recess was taken to resume
- 3 at 1:00 p.m.)
- 4 AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 P.M.:
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think we can probably get
- 6 started on the preliminaries here whenever you're
- 7 ready.
- 8 MR. ROONEY: Judge, on the City of Chicago, we
- 9 have no objection to those exhibits, the ones that we
- 10 were -- asked to hold.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right.
- JUDGE HAYNES: How about let's put that on the
- 13 record.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. This morning,
- 15 Mr. Jolly offered City 1.0, second revision, 2.0
- 16 revised and 3.0, and we've been advised that there
- are no objections to those exhibits and they'll be
- 18 admitted in the record.
- Mr. Merola, you're under oath?
- 20 Alongi. I'm sorry. So whenever anybody's ready
- 21 here, just let's get the ball rolling.
- LAWRENCE ALONGI,
- 23 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 24 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

- 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 2 BY
- 3 MR. ROONEY:
- 4 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi. John Rooney on
- 5 behalf of Commonwealth Edison Company.
- 6 Mr. Alongi, can you state your name
- 7 and spell it for the court reporter.
- 8 A Lawrence S. Alongi. L-a-w-r-e-n-c-e,
- 9 A-1-o-n-q-i.
- 10 Q Mr. Alongi, I'm going to direct your
- 11 attention to several exhibits.
- The first is marked as ComEd
- 13 Exhibit 1.0 with attachments 1.1 through 1.8. That
- 14 was filed as your direct testimony on January 30th,
- 15 2009.
- 16 Rebuttal testimony that's been marked
- 17 as ComEd Exhibit 6.0 with Attachments 6.1 through
- 18 6.14 filed on June 19th, 2009. And, finally,
- 19 surrebuttal testimony marked as ComEd Exhibit 10.C,
- 20 corrected, with Attachments 10.1 and 10.3. And the
- 21 rebuttal testimony was filed on October 23rd and the
- 22 errata reflecting the corrections was served on
- October 26, 2009 and filed on eDocket.
- 24 Do you have those documents in front

- 1 of you?
- 2 A I do. And I just want to clarify one
- 3 thing. Did you say 10.1 through 10.3?
- 4 O Correct.
- 5 A Yes. Okay. I have them.
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: And is the exhibit -- is it
- 7 10.1C?
- 8 MR. ROONEY: It's 10.C.
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: 10.C.
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: So it's just the testimony's
- 11 corrected, not his exhibits?
- MR. ROONEY: That's correct.
- 13 JUDGE HAYNES: Okay.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Hearing no
- objections -- you've got more?
- 16 MR. ROONEY: I just want to make sure that he
- 17 -- they were prepared under his direction.
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: Fine. Fine. Good idea.
- 19 THE WITNESS: They were prepared under my
- 20 direction, yes.
- 21 BY MR. ROONEY:
- 22 Q And if we asked you those questions
- 23 contained therein, you answers would be the same?
- 24 A Yes, they would.

- MR. ROONEY: With that, your Honors, we move
- 2 for the admission of the previously identified
- 3 documents of Mr. Alongi and offer Mr. Alongi for
- 4 cross-examination.
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay. Hearing no objections,
- 6 ComEd Exhibits 1.0, 1.1 through 1.8, 6.0 with
- 7 Attachments 6.1 through 6.14, and Exhibit 10.C with
- 8 Attachments 10.1 through 10.3 will be admitted in the
- 9 record.
- 10 MR. ROONEY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 11 (Whereupon, ComEd
- 12 Exhibit Nos. 1, 6 and 10 were
- 13 admitted into evidence as
- of this date.)
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Who's first up here?
- MR. JENKINS: Thank you, your Honor.
- 17 Alan Jenkins for the Commercial Group.
- 18 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 19 BY
- 20 MR. JENKINS:
- 21 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi.
- 22 A Good afternoon.
- 23 Q Can you summarize the various requests that
- 24 have been made in this proceeding for ComEd to

- 1 perform customer-specific cost studies or create new
- 2 cost classifications for customer types?
- 3 A Yes. There's been a number of different
- 4 requests and I'll start with requests from REACT
- 5 witness Fults. He's requested that ComEd perform
- 6 customer-specific analyses for the 53 customers in
- 7 the extra large load delivery class as well as the 26
- 8 customers in the high voltage delivery class. And in
- 9 a data request, he also requested that we perform
- 10 customer-specific analyses of the nine REACT members.
- In addition, City witness Bodmer has
- 12 requested actual costs analyses of the City of
- 13 Chicago's streetlights, and the Witness Bachman for
- 14 the railroads has requested that for the next rate
- 15 case, the Company consider excluding 4 kV costs from
- 16 the railroad class, which could actually evolve into
- 17 a customer-specific study, depending on how it were
- 18 to be performed.
- 19 And, finally, IIEC witness Stevens has
- 20 requested that ComEd prepare voltage-based rates,
- 21 and, actually, IIEC witness Stowe has asked that
- 22 ComEd prepare a primary-secondary analysis which
- 23 would require we segment our primary system or our
- 24 distribution system into three subsections. One

- 1 being a primary distribution system, one being a
- 2 general distribution system, and one being a
- 3 secondary distribution system.
- 4 So I didn't count them, but I think
- 5 there's about six or so.
- 6 Q Okay. Have any of those parties that
- 7 requested those cost studies offered to pay for them?
- 8 A Not to my knowledge, no.
- 9 Q Are there any other types of customers that
- 10 might have characteristics for which those customers
- 11 might request ComEd to create new cost
- 12 classifications to fit those characteristics?
- 13 A Well, I could imagine that there could be
- 14 any number of requests from entities that consider
- 15 themselves unique in some form.
- I suppose I could see hospitals,
- 17 schools, universities, grocery store chains all
- 18 requesting special consideration in terms of actual
- 19 cost studies.
- 20 Q Now, if you could turn to your rebuttal
- 21 testimony, Page 12.
- 22 A I'm there.
- Q And looking at Figure 3.
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q Let's assume what you have marked there as
- 2 Customer E takes secondary service 10 feet downstream
- 3 from the transformer shown in Figure 3.
- 4 A Okay.
- 5 O And let's assume that Customer F takes
- 6 service five miles downstream from the same
- 7 transformer.
- 8 A Okay.
- 9 O Couldn't Customer E claim that it should
- 10 not have to pay for all the poles and wires
- downstream of the service drop for Customer E?
- 12 A Customer E could make that claim. But if
- 13 Customer E and Customer F are in the same delivery
- 14 class, they'd pay the same charge based upon the
- 15 weighted average of customers in the class, if that
- 16 answers your question.
- 17 Q Now, assume that a consultant gathers
- 18 together into a customer group every customer like
- 19 Customer E that was within, let's say, a hundred feet
- 20 of the transformer and intervenes in a ComEd rate
- 21 case.
- 22 Couldn't they request -- that group
- 23 request ComEd to perform a customer-specific cost
- 24 study?

- 1 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm going to object. It's
- 2 speculation and we're now many iterations of
- 3 speculation what could happen.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think he's got a point he's
- 5 trying to make here.
- 6 Overruled.
- 7 THE WITNESS: I would imagine such a group
- 8 could make such a request, yes.
- 9 BY MR. JENKINS:
- 10 Q And could you foresee in an open-ended
- 11 workshop, rate design workshop that that customer
- 12 group would make a similar request?
- 13 A I could imagine that that would happen,
- 14 yes.
- 15 Q Now, if ComEd had enough time or money,
- 16 would it be possible for ComEd to identify specific
- 17 facilities that it uses to serve one or more of the
- 18 companies that compose the commercial group?
- 19 A That's a hard one to answer because it
- 20 would take virtually unlimited resources, because as
- 21 I understand it, the commercial group consists of or
- 22 represents over 10,000 businesses in Illinois.
- 23 Q Let -- and focusing on one company --
- 24 A I think it would be impractical, to answer

- 1 your question.
- 2 Q But if there was an unlimited amount of
- 3 money available and time, would it be possible -- not
- 4 whether it would be practical.
- 5 Would it be possible to -- let's pick
- 6 out just one member of the group -- Safeway's
- 7 facilities -- for ComEd to do a study and see --
- 8 identify the facilities that directly or indirectly
- 9 serve Safeway?
- 10 MR. GOWER: Objection. It's a hypothetical
- 11 that has no reasonable basis at all. There is no
- 12 company that has unlimited resources.
- So it just calls for speculation.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: You can answer the question.
- 15 THE WITNESS: With unlimited resources, the
- 16 facilities serving such a customer or such a customer
- 17 group could be identified.
- 18 However, determining the cost of those
- 19 facilities, there would have to be some judgments
- 20 made because our books of account don't identify
- 21 costs for specific facilities except in very limited
- 22 circumstances.
- 23 BY MR. JENKINS:
- 24 O Okay. Now, with respect to the workshop,

- 1 Mr. Lazare discussed potential rate design workshops
- with the parties. Do you remember that this morning?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Would you agree that parties that have no
- 5 budget to cover such workshops to send a lawyer or a
- 6 consultant to the workshops might be a disadvantage
- 7 if they could not attend those workshops?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 O Now, you were asked -- or there have been
- 10 questions about rate shock in this proceeding. In
- 11 fact, do I understand correctly your testimony that
- 12 but for the rate subsidies contained in the 2007 rate
- 13 case, the rates from those cases -- that case,
- 14 ComEd's primary-secondary analysis in this rate
- design docket would actually reduce rates for extra
- 16 large load, railroad and high voltage classes?
- 17 A I need to check.
- 18 I'm looking at my exhibit, ComEd
- 19 Exhibit 6.1 on Page 2. And what I'm looking at are
- 20 the columns identified as rates approved
- 21 September 2nd -- September 10th, 2008, Docket
- 22 07-0566, and the column immediately to the right
- 23 identified as Illustrative Rates Reflecting All
- 24 Changes.

- 1 Well, actually, I think for the
- 2 primary-secondary, I should look one more column
- 3 over. Illustrative Rates Reflecting Only
- 4 Primary-Secondary. And for the extra large load, I'm
- 5 looking at the row that's identified as Overall
- 6 Standard Delivery Charge. And the overall -- because
- 7 that's an easy comparison to make.
- 8 The overall standard delivery charge
- 9 for the extra large load under current rates is
- 10 0.0069 dollars per kilowatt hour. And two columns to
- 11 the right, the overall dollars per kilowatt hour
- 12 under the illustrative rates reflecting only the
- 13 primary secondary is 0.0066 dollars per kilowatt
- 14 hour. So that for the extra large load does reflect
- 15 a reduction in their overall cost.
- And doing the same thing for the high
- 17 voltage, although the -- as I look at the two columns
- 18 and the row identified as Overall Standard Delivery
- 19 Charge in the high voltage, the overall cents per
- 20 kilowatt hour doesn't change. It's 0.0026 dollars
- 21 per kilowatt hour.
- The distribution facilities charge one
- 23 row above it is slightly reduced from \$2.87 a
- 24 kilowatt to \$2.84 a kilowatt. So I think the overall

- dollars per kilowatt hour just got lost in the
- 2 rounding.
- 3 And --
- 4 Q If I could interrupt you.
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q My question was specifically not
- 7 necessarily the rates that came out, but -- but for
- 8 the subsidy contained in the rates.
- 9 So, in other words, comparing the cost
- 10 study from that rate with the cost study that ComEd
- 11 has presented in this case.
- 12 A Oh. At 100 percent EPEC?
- 13 O Yes.
- 14 A Yes, the -- well, I'm sorry. I guess I
- 15 have to ask you to restate your question --
- 16 Q Yeah.
- 17 A -- because --
- 18 Q The question is, at the hundred percent
- 19 cost, isn't it true that the primary-secondary
- 20 proposal that ComEd has put fourth in this case would
- 21 actually reduce results and a reduced cost burden for
- 22 the extra large load, railroad and high voltage
- 23 classes?
- 24 A Okay.

- 1 Q I was looking at your ComEd -- might be on
- 2 ComEd Exhibit 10.1.
- 3 A Oh, I'm sorry.
- 4 Q Which was attached to your surrebuttal.
- 5 A Oh, thank you.
- Doing the same type of comparison on
- 7 Page 2 of ComEd Exhibit 10.1, which does show a
- 8 column for the rates currently in effect which are
- 9 identified as rates approved September 10th, 2008,
- 10 Docket 07-0566, mitigated.
- 11 Q And is the column -- the third column,
- 12 Illustrative Rates Reflecting ComEd E Cost 070-0566,
- 13 100 percent impact, is that the full cost rate based
- on the cost study in that case?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And if you compare that column to the
- 17 second column, Illustrative Rates Reflecting ComEd
- 18 Analysis, Exhibit 6.2-P, that's the cost rates in
- 19 this present case; is that right?
- 20 A Yes, that's correct. Comparing 100 percent
- 21 EPEC from the last rate case to 100 percent EPEC
- 22 illustrative rates that reflect the primary-secondary
- 23 analysis.
- 24 And, actually, I think 6.2-B (sic)

- 1 reflects also uncollectibles spread evenly across the
- 2 residential classes as well as the corrected service
- 3 allocation, but there is a decrease for extra large
- 4 load. There is a slight decrease in the distribution
- 5 facilities charge for the high voltage customers and
- 6 there's a decrease for the railroads.
- 7 O Now, is it also true that the various cost
- 8 study schedules that you provide in this proceeding,
- 9 they all show that the medium load, large load and
- 10 very large load customer classes are paying more in
- 11 current rates than the cost to serve those customers
- 12 classes?
- 13 A Yes.
- MR. JENKINS: Thank you.
- No further questions.
- 16 JUDGE HILLIARD: Who's next?
- 17 City of Chicago?
- 18 MR. JOLLY: Sure.
- 19 May I proceed?
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: Yeah.
- 21 Go ahead.
- MR. JOLLY: Thank you.

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- 1 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 2 BY
- 3 MR. JOLLY:
- 4 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi. My name is Ron
- 5 Jolly. I'm representing the City of Chicago in this
- 6 matter.
- 7 A Good afternoon, Mr. Jolly.
- 8 Q How are you?
- 9 A Good.
- 10 Q I'd like to start at Page 18, Lines 404
- 11 through 06 of your surrebuttal testimony, ComEd
- 12 Exhibit 10.0.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Please try to keep your voice
- 14 up. You have a tendency to speak soft and he's close
- 15 by. So...
- 16 THE WITNESS: I'll do my best, your Honor.
- 17 Lines 404?
- 18 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 19 Q Through 06.
- 20 A Yes.
- Q Okay. And as I understand your testimony
- 22 there, you criticize Mr. Bodmer's proposals regarding
- 23 the City's street lighting account as an attempt to
- 24 have a customer-specific analysis done; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A Mr. Bodmer included in his testimony a --
- 3 what I would characterize as a
- 4 quasi-customer-specific study for the City of Chicago
- 5 arterial and residential street lighting.
- 6 Q Okay. And in your testimony there, you --
- 7 you in -- particularly, at Lines 404 through 405, you
- 8 say that Commission has rejected such a
- 9 customer-specific approach; is that correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Would you tell me how ComEd defines
- 12 customer classes?
- 13 A I can tell you what the customer classes
- 14 are at the moment. We haven't changed them for quite
- 15 some time.
- 16 We have four residential classes, two
- 17 single family, one space heat, one nonelectric space
- 18 heat. Two multifamily residential classes. The same
- 19 thing: One electric space heat and one nonelectric
- 20 space heat.
- 21 We have a watt-hour customer class for
- 22 nonresidential customers; a small load customer
- 23 class, which is zero to 100 kilowatts. It's based
- 24 upon demand of the customer; a medium load customer

- 1 class, which is 100 to 400 kilowatts; a large load
- 2 customer class, which is 400 to a thousand kilowatts;
- 3 a very large load class which is a thousand to 10,000
- 4 kilowatts; an extra large load class, which is over
- 5 10,000 kilowatts. And all of these are
- 6 nonhigh-voltage customers.
- 7 We have a high voltage class which is
- 8 customers served by lines that enter their premises
- 9 at 69,000 volts or higher. We have a dusk to dawn
- 10 street lighting class, a general lighting class, and
- 11 a fixture-included lighting class. I think that's 15
- 12 classes.
- 13 Q In establishing rates for those various
- 14 classes, do you -- do you believe that the rates
- 15 should reflect -- should bear some relationship to
- 16 the costs that ComEd incurs in serving the members of
- 17 the particular classes?
- 18 A Yes. The rates that we charge to customers
- 19 should reflect the cost of serving those customers in
- 20 the class.
- Q Okay. And, of course, because not every
- 22 customer's the same and their services may be
- 23 slightly different, the rates may not reflect the
- 24 specific costs that each customer imposes on the

- 1 ComEd system; is that correct?
- 2 A That's correct. It's a kind of a class
- 3 average I guess I would say.
- 4 Q Okay. Do you think that the cost to serve
- 5 the members of a particular class should reflect the
- 6 cost characteristics of the majority of the members
- 7 of a class?
- 8 A I think by the nature of class ratemaking,
- 9 the class rate will reflect the majority of the
- 10 customers or maybe the load of the class.
- 11 Q Okay. Now, are you -- are you -- you're
- 12 familiar with or have read Mr. Bodmer's direct and
- 13 rebuttal testimony in this case?
- 14 A I'm sorry for smiling; but, yes.
- 15 Q Let me ask you later what that was about.
- And in his direct testimony, at Page
- 17 31, Lines 728 through 29, Mr. Bodmer stated that City
- 18 streetlights use 57 percent of the total energy used
- in the dusk to dawn rate class.
- 20 Are you familiar with that statement?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And do you have any reason to dispute that
- 23 statement?
- 24 A No. I -- I think if we checked, he would

- 1 probably turn out to be right. I think that's
- 2 probably about right.
- 3 Q Okay. And going back again to your
- 4 statement at Lines 403 through 405, you say that the
- 5 Commission has previously rejected the idea of
- 6 customer-specific cost studies; is that right?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 O Are you familiar with the Commission's
- 9 initiating order in this case?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Would you -- in particular -- in fact,
- maybe I'll just provide you a copy here.
- 13 A Thave it.
- 14 O Oh, do you? Okay. That's great.
- MR. JOLLY: Would you like a copy, your Honor?
- 16 I have extra copies.
- 17 JUDGE HILLIARD: Of which?
- 18 MR. JOLLY: The Commission's initiating order.
- 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: That's okay.
- 20 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 21 Q Okay. If you turn to Page 2, bottom
- 22 paragraph of Page 2 of the -- of the Commission's
- 23 initiating order?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q Are you there?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And is it your understanding there that the
- 4 Commission ordered ComEd to submit a revised cost
- 5 study in this proceeding that took into account
- 6 several factors that the Commission analyzed in
- 7 ComEd's previous rate case, Docket 07-0566?
- 8 A Right. The Commission articulated five
- 9 items to be further reviewed in this docket.
- 10 Q Okay. And one of the items, the fifth
- 11 item, states that the cost study shall take into
- 12 account ownership and maintenance responsibilities of
- 13 street lighting in the City of Chicago and other
- 14 municipalities and allocate costs accordingly.
- Do you see that statement?
- 16 A Yes, I do.
- 18 Commission's order there required ComEd to conduct a
- 19 customer-specific cost study?
- 20 A No.
- Q No, you do not?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q You do not believe that it was necessary to
- look at the City's street lighting costs separately?

- 1 A No, I don't.
- 2 Q Okay. Would you turn to Pages 25 through
- 3 26 of your -- of your surrebuttal testimony.
- 4 A Okay.
- 5 Q And on the question and answer -- well, the
- 6 question begins on Page 24, and the answer -- excuse
- 7 me, which is on Page 25, you take issue with
- 8 Mr. Bodmer's assertion that rates for street lighting
- 9 customers -- dusk to dawn street lighting customers
- 10 have increased 99 percent; is that correct?
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q And you -- on Page 26, you present a table
- where you say that the annualized percent change for
- 14 dusk to dawn street lighting rates is 17.9 percent
- 15 rates; is that right?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q Now, in your table there on Page 26, you
- 18 include energy costs in your table; is that right?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q Okay. Now, the table you're responding to
- 21 from Mr. Bodmer's testimony was at his direct at
- 22 Page 20, Lines 460 through 474.
- Are you familiar with that?
- 24 A I'd have to take a look at it.

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                    Now, the analysis that Mr. Bodmer put
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     in his direct testimony considered only distribution
     rates; is that right?
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               There's a reference to ComEd response to
     COC 1.04, Attachment 3 that might be helpful because
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     I'm not quite sure what the dollars per kilowatt hour
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     stated in the answer represent.
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- 1 (Change of reporter.)
- 2 Q Well, if you look at the beginning at Line
- 3 462, Mr. Bodmer states, When Com Ed first unbundled
- 4 distribution rates in 1999, it calculated street
- 5 lighting costs for the dusk to dawn class. The rates
- 6 that are shown in the marginal cost study here?
- 7 THE COURT: On Page 22.
- 8 MR. JOLLY: No, on Page 20 of Mr. Bodmer's
- 9 direct.
- 10 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 11 Q Do those appear to you to be the
- distribution only rates or distribution plus energy?
- 13 A I guess from what I see here, I can't tell
- if it's limited to distribution only or not.
- 15 MR. JOLLY: Can I have a moment?
- 16 THE COURT: Sure.
- MR. JOLLY: Thanks to Mr. Robertson, he has
- 18 discovered, on his computer, is it okay if I show?
- 19 THE COURT: Yes, please proceed.
- 20 MR. JOLLY: And I'll show counsel.
- 21 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 22 Q If you look at this, will it help you to
- 23 determine?
- 24 MR. JOLLY: Let the record reflect that I'm

- 1 showing Mr. Alongi an electronic copy of Com Ed's
- 2 response to City of Chicago Data Request 1.04,
- 3 Attachment 3.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Yes, okay. And this is 1998
- 5 marginal costs, which is here. Do you have something
- 6 imbedded?
- 7 MR. JOLLY: I think that's some from the e-costs
- 8 in this case, is my recollection.
- 9 MR. GORDAN: Mr. Alongi, do you want a hard
- 10 copy, you could probably have a hard-copy of the
- 11 response.
- 12 THE WITNESS: No, I'm satisfied that the
- 13 marginal cost table reflects only distribution. I'm
- 14 just asking now if the imbedded cost table reflects
- 15 only distribution. And Mr. Jolly indicated that
- 16 these are the imbedded costs taken from Com Ed's
- imbedded cost study in this case.
- 18 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 19 Q I have a hard-copy of that if you would
- 20 like to look at that.
- 21 A I'm not very familiar with the e-costs, but
- 22 if I could confirm at least one number.
- 23 Q All right. Showing the witness Com Ed
- 24 Exhibit 7.1, which was attached to Mr. Heintz

- 1 rebuttal testimony, it's the revised cost study
- 2 submitted by Com Ed?
- 3 A Mr. Jolly, do you know where I would look?
- 4 Q No, that, I can't tell you. I'm sorry.
- 5 A I guess I'm afraid I'm not going to be able
- 6 to identify it. But if I were to accept that these
- 7 are imbedded cost numbers from this case, then I
- 8 think we should move on.
- 9 Q Well, if you accepted that, subject to
- 10 check, and based on your review of the electronic
- data request response that you were shown, would you
- 12 agree, and again, accepting those -- accepting that
- 13 you have the time to review this to insure that the
- 14 imbedded cost study reflects -- is the imbedded cost
- 15 study in this case, that Mr. Bodmer's analysis was
- 16 purely of the distribution costs and did not include
- 17 the energy costs?
- 18 A Yes, okay.
- 19 THE COURT: Please speak up, gentlemen.
- 20 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 21 Q And would you be able to agree to that,
- 22 subject to checking?
- 23 A Agree that these include only distribution
- 24 costs, yes. I can agree that they include only

- 1 distribution costs.
- 2 Q Subject to?
- 3 A Subject to check, okay.
- 4 MR. JOLLY: All right, fair enough. That's all
- 5 I have, thank you.
- 6 THE COURT: CTA.
- 7 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 8 BY
- 9 MR. BALOUGH.
- 10 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi.
- 11 A Good afternoon, Mr. Balough.
- 12 Q I guess I don't have to introduce myself
- 13 we've met many a time anyway. Richard Balough for
- 14 the CTA. I would like to go through, first of all,
- 15 some of the tables that you have in your testimony,
- 16 see if I can understand them. If you could look at
- 17 your Table 2, which I believe is at Page 10 of Com Ed
- 18 Exhibit 1.0.
- 19 A Okay.
- 20 Q Now, as I understand what would be -- well,
- 21 Column 1 is the various classes; is that correct?
- 22 A All the nonresidential classes, yes.
- Q And Column 2, as I understand, is the rates
- 24 approved in Docket 07-0566; is that correct?

- 1 A That's correct. Those are the rates that
- 2 are currently in effect.
- 3 Q And then if you go to Column 3, that would
- 4 be the rates that reflect all the changes that you
- 5 recommended in your initial testimony, would that be
- 6 correct?
- 7 A Those are the illustrative rates that
- 8 reflect the changes for -- that were made to the
- 9 imbedded cost of service study, reflecting changes
- 10 for primary, secondary and uncollectibles for the
- 11 residential classes.
- 12 Q Now, as to -- and then column -- would be
- 13 Column 4 just shows those changes only for the
- 14 primary and secondary changes and the resulting
- 15 rates; is that correct?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q And the last column, just so we cover the
- 18 entire table, is the changes that, if you only made
- 19 changes to the uncollectible charges?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q And then if we could turn to your rebuttal
- 22 testimony and your Exhibit 6.1, Page 2 of 4.
- 23 A Okay.
- 24 O Am I correct that this is similar to the

- 1 table we just looked at, but it has fewer changes
- 2 that you made as a result of your rebuttal testimony?
- 3 A That is correct.
- 4 Q And in the first column, the last customer
- 5 class is the railroad class; is that correct?
- 6 A That is correct.
- 8 September 10th, 2008, what the total revenue that
- 9 would be collected by those railroad rates?
- 10 A I would have to look at the small print for
- 11 this. I apologize, I have to go back to another
- 12 exhibit. I'm looking at Com Ed Exhibit 1.1A, Page 2,
- in a column that's identified as total revenue near
- 14 the very bottom of the page. And for the railroad
- 15 class it shows 4,927,800 -- let me start again.
- \$4,972,802 and this is the revenue, based upon the
- 17 rate design approved in the last -- Com Ed's last
- 18 rate case, 07-0566.
- 19 Q And then I would like you to look at one
- 20 more table, it was attached to your surrebuttal
- 21 testimony as Com Ed Exhibit 10.1, Page 2 of 4.
- 22 A Okay.
- 23 Q And, again, the second column is the rates
- 24 as they exist today; is that correct?

- 1 A That's correct.
- 2 Q Now, I notice in Column 3, however, that
- 3 you change the format for the table; is that correct?
- 4 It's now 100 percent of the EPEC?
- 5 A That's how that column is labeled, yes.
- 6 O But in the previous two tables that we
- 7 looked at, the illustrative rates reflecting all
- 8 changes, for example, were not based on 100 percent
- 9 of the EPEC; is that correct?
- 10 A No, they were based on the mitigated rate
- 11 design that was approved by the Commission in Com
- 12 Ed's last rate case, which moved the distribution
- 13 facility's charge for the extra large load, high
- 14 voltage and railroad classes only 25 percent towards
- 15 cost.
- 16 Q Can you tell me why you decided to change
- 17 the format on these tables, where you went from the
- 18 25, roughly the 25 percent mitigation, to the last
- 19 table now you're using the full EPEC?
- 20 A There's probably an explanation in the
- 21 testimony itself, but what this table does is allow
- 22 people to see what the charges would be if costs --
- 23 if charges were set at cost.
- 24 Q So, for example, if we used Column 3 on

- 1 Exhibit 10.1 for the the railroad class, we would
- 2 have to go, as I understand it, to Com Ed
- 3 Exhibit 6.2B to see what the total revenue would be
- 4 recovered?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And could you go to 6.2B for me, please.
- 7 And on Page 2 of 3, I believe it shows the railroad
- 8 class; is that correct?
- 9 A Not quite there yet. The reason I'm
- 10 delayed is because the hole punch goes right through
- 11 the exhibit numbers, but I think I've got it.
- 12 Q And I believe the last class on that page
- is railroad delivery class; is that correct?
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q Now, in the -- the second column is
- 16 entitled 2006 Test Year Billing Units; is that
- 17 correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And for the customer charge it shows 24
- 20 billing units for the railroad delivery class?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And that would be, since there are only two
- 23 customers in the railroad class times 12 months, is
- 24 that how you got 24?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And likewise for the standard metering
- 3 service charge, it shows 24?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And if we go, then, to the right-hand side
- of the page where it says illustrative EPEC rates.
- 7 Under units charges, I believe we come to the -- with
- 8 the customer charge of \$4,323.66 and then for the
- 9 metering charge, \$60.39 and the distribution charge
- 10 \$4.81, are you with me?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And that matches the second column on
- 13 Exhibit 10.1; is that correct?
- 14 A Okay, yes, they match.
- 15 Q And then if we would go to, again, on 6.2B,
- 16 Page 2 of 3, under total revenue for the railroad
- 17 class, you would then be collecting \$7,491,972?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q By the way, Mr. Alongi, is Com Ed
- 20 proposing, in this case, to change any rates as a
- 21 result of this docket?
- 22 A No. What we were asked to do by the
- 23 initiating order was provide the Commission with a
- 24 revised e-cost that reflects the five items, what we

- 1 evaluated, the five items that were identified in the
- 2 initiating order.
- 3 And in the initiating order the
- 4 Commission said, the Commission will utilize these
- 5 updated studies to provide, in this record, to
- 6 perform a comparative analysis with the rate
- 7 structure allowed in our order in Docket 07-0566.
- 8 And so what we did to help facilitate that comparison
- 9 was provide the illustrative rates.
- 10 So the answer is, Com Ed is not
- 11 proposing any changed rates, we haven't filed any
- 12 tariff sheets with any changed rates, we've just
- 13 provided the revised imbedded cost of service study
- 14 and illustrative rates to let the Commission see what
- 15 the impacts might be.
- 16 Q And to see these impacts, would I be
- 17 correct if, for example, Com Ed filed a rate case and
- 18 the end result, I know you'll find this hard to
- 19 believe, but the end result would be no revenue
- 20 adjustment, but they put into effect the illustrative
- 21 rates reflecting all changes as shown on Com Ed
- 22 Exhibit 6.1, the railroad class would then be paying
- 23 the \$7,491,972?
- 24 A Assuming the billing units didn't change.

- 1 Q Yes, okay. If you could turn to your copy
- 2 of Exhibit 6.0 at Page 12. And on that page you have
- 3 three different figures showing various customers; is
- 4 that correct?
- 5 A I'm not there yet.
- 6 Q I'm sorry.
- 7 A Okay.
- 8 O Am I correct that the CTA -- an example of
- 9 how CTA receives service for traction power is not
- 10 illustrated with any of these figures?
- 11 A That would be correct.
- 12 O And the reason for that is that the CTA
- 13 traction power takes service at 12.5 kV; is that
- 14 correct?
- 15 A The lines entering the CTA property enter
- 16 at 12.5 kV, it's a part of Com Ed's distribution
- 17 system, which consists of facilities that operate at
- 18 12 kV, 34 kV and 4 kV.
- 19 Q I understand that. My question to you is
- 20 the CTA, at the traction power substation -- let me
- 21 backup, just so the record clear, when I speak of
- 22 traction power substations, do you understand that to
- 23 be the power that operates the CTA's rapid transit
- 24 cars, sometimes also referred to as the El?

- 1 A The electric powered transit system, yes.
- 2 Q Because I know later on in your testimony
- 3 you chide Mr. Bachman for talking about the CTA in
- 4 general terms. But the only thing we're focusing on
- 5 in this case is traction power. Are you with me on
- 6 that?
- 7 A Yes, I am.
- 8 Q And for traction power, the CTA receives
- 9 service at 12.5 kV?
- 10 A As I said, the lines entering CTA's
- 11 property enter at 12.5 kV. Those lines are part of a
- 12 larger system that consists of facilities that
- operate at 12 kV, 4 kV, 34 kV, some of which are
- 14 shared facilities.
- 15 Q So let me ask the question a different way.
- 16 Can the CTA operate its traction powered substations
- 17 to receive power from Com Ed's system using the 4 kV
- 18 lines?
- 19 A I don't know what kind of rectifiers the
- 20 CTA has, whether they are designed with multiple taps
- 21 like some transformers are designed with multiple
- 22 taps, where they can operate at 4 kV, 12 kV. If they
- 23 are rectifiers, they have multiple taps, then --
- 24 which allow them to operate at either 4 or 12, then

- 1 the answer would be yes. If they don't, then the
- 2 answer would be no.
- 3 Q When the power comes into the -- you are
- 4 familiar with the CTA traction power substations, are
- 5 you not?
- 6 A Yes, I am fairly familiar with them.
- 7 Q Com Ed provides service -- well, there is a
- 8 Com Ed line that goes into -- that goes to a CTA
- 9 substation at that point, that power is metered; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A I'm not quite sure, exactly, where on the
- 12 property it is metered, but it's metered on the CTA's
- property, probably just before it's connected to the
- 14 CTA 12 kV bus.
- Q And it goes to 12 kV bus for the CTA; is
- 16 that correct?
- 17 A It's a CTA owned 12 kV bus /
- 18 O And the CTA, at that point, converts it to
- 19 direct current power; is that correct?
- 20 A That's my understanding, yes. Which is the
- 21 purpose of a rectifier.
- 22 Q In fact, there are two, generally two, Com
- 23 Ed lines that will go to a CTA traction power
- 24 substation; is that correct?

- 1 A At the CTA's request we provide two 12 kV
- lines to each traction power substation.
- 3 Q Now, am I correct that the 4 kV power
- 4 distribution systems cannot support or back up the
- 5 12.5 kV system of Com Ed?
- 6 A I believe there was a data request that
- 7 answered that question, and as I recall, the answer
- 8 was no.
- 9 Q No, it could not back it up?
- 10 A Correct.
- 11 Q Currently, to your knowledge, are there any
- 12 4 kV facilities that provide power for traction power
- 13 to the CTA?
- 14 A Not to my knowledge.
- 15 Q Would you disagree with Mister -- well, let
- 16 me ask you this: Did you read Mr. Bachman's
- 17 testimony filed on behalf of CTA and Metra?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Do you disagree with Mr. Bachman's
- 20 statements that the CTA and Metra receive their
- 21 traction power at 12.5 kV?
- 22 A I understand that the lines that enter
- 23 their property enter at 12.5 kV, but I also
- 24 understand that that voltage is part of a larger

- 1 system, which includes facilities that operate at 4
- 2 kV and 34 kV, as well as 12. And some of those
- 3 facilities are shared facilities. So, for example,
- 4 you could have a 12 kV line and a 4 kV line on one
- 5 set of poles or one conduit.
- 6 Q If we could just back up. When you said
- 7 the system, you are referring to Com Ed's system?
- 8 A Yeah, Com Ed's distribution system, thank
- 9 you.
- 10 Q And I understand Com Ed's point, that these
- 11 are separate -- that the systems can be one, but my
- 12 question to you is, if you have -- as your example, a
- 13 12.5 kV line and a 4 kV line, the 4 kV line, as you
- 14 testified, I believe, cannot support CTA traction
- 15 power?
- 16 A Cannot backup 12 kV, I think, is what we
- 17 just agreed on. And I don't know if it could support
- 18 the CTA traction power substation, because I don't
- 19 know what kind of rectifiers they have.
- 20 Q Assuming for a moment that CTA requires
- 21 that they receive power at 12.5 kV and that their
- 22 facilities are designed for 12.5 kV, would you agree
- with me that since the 4 kV cannot backup the 12.5,
- 24 that the Com Ed system, that 4 kV, provides no

- 1 assistance to the CTA?
- 2 A We don't have a, quote/unquote, a 4 kV
- 3 system, we have a primary system which consists of 4
- 4 kV facilities, 12 kV facilities and 34 kV facilities.
- 5 THE COURT: Can we come up with some kind of
- 6 acronym for that so you don't have to say it over and
- 7 over and over again?
- 8 THE WITNESS: The primary distribution system.
- 9 BY MR. BALOUGH:
- 10 Q Now that's Com Ed's definition of primary
- 11 distribution system, is that correct, in this case?
- 12 A That's correct, it's based upon our
- definition and our general terms and conditions.
- 14 Q Mr. Alongi, are you aware of any other
- 15 class that Com Ed currently serves where all the
- 16 customers take voltage at the same voltage level?
- 17 A Not quite sure what you mean by takes
- 18 voltage or takes service at the same voltage level,
- 19 because you might take a look at the residential
- 20 class and I think most residential customers take
- 21 service at 12240. If that were the case, then the
- 22 entire class takes service at the same voltage.
- 23 Q And are you aware of a class where the
- 24 customers, for example, in this class there are only

- 1 two customers that not only take voltage at the same
- 2 voltage level, but take it using the same
- 3 configuration to receive the power?
- 4 A Configuration meaning two lines, two or
- 5 more kV lines, because Metra, at some locations,
- 6 actually has three 12 kV lines?
- 7 O Correct.
- 8 A I'm sorry, is there a question.
- 9 Q I thought there was, but hang on. Now, the
- 10 service that is supplied to the CTA, the lines that
- 11 go to the station, the substations, Com Ed considers
- 12 that to be nonstandard service; is that correct?
- 13 A Not necessarily. For a new substation,
- 14 that is likely to be considered nonstandard service.
- 15 Q And for nonstandard service, Com Ed has a
- 16 tariff that determines the cost for that nonstandard
- 17 service; is that correct?
- 18 A That's Com Ed's Rider NS, nonstandard
- 19 services and facilities, yes.
- 20 Q So Com Ed can compute the cost to serve
- 21 that non -- to provide that new nonstandard service
- 22 to a new, for example, CTA traction power substation?
- 23 A Using cost of labor and materials currently
- 24 in effect, yes.

- 1 Q In your testimony, you refer to the fact
- 2 that the Commission ordered a study of how Com Ed
- 3 uses the CTA and Metra's traction power substations;
- 4 is that correct?
- 5 A How Com Ed uses?
- 6 Q Yes.
- 7 A I don't believe I have any testimony that
- 8 suggests Com Ed uses CTA facilities.
- 9 O You are aware of the final order in the
- 10 last Com Ed rate case, are you not?
- 11 A I've read it, yes.
- 12 Q And you remember in that case that Com Ed
- 13 was required to work with the CTA and Metra for -- to
- 14 conduct a study of the CTA Metra systems?
- 15 A Yes, I am familiar with that and Com Ed has
- 16 been working with Mr. Bachman and two members, one
- 17 from CTA and one from Metra, along with our capacity
- 18 planning engineers.
- 19 Q And the purpose of that study was to
- 20 determine whether and how much Com Ed uses or needs
- 21 the railroad class facilities to serve other
- 22 customers; is that correct?
- A As stated in the Commission's order, yes.
- 24 O Are you involved in that study?

- 1 A I have been helping facilitate the joint
- 2 meetings with our capacity planning engineers and CTA
- 3 and Metra engineers and Mr. Bodmer.
- 4 O And part of that study included doing load
- flow analyses; is that correct?
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q And to do the load flow analysis, Com Ed
- 8 would have to determine what facilities are being
- 9 used on the Com Ed facilities to service the load; is
- 10 that correct?
- 11 A That's correct. We've done a, I guess what
- 12 I would say is a limited sample of the CTA and Metra
- 13 traction power substation, modeling the Com Ed
- 14 service to those substations.
- 15 Q And in modeling the service to Com Ed
- 16 substations you would be able to, then, identify, for
- 17 example, the circuits and other facilities being used
- 18 to feed those substations?
- 19 A At a high level that's true. What the
- 20 capacity planners -- the information that they need
- 21 to do a power flow is the impedence of the lines. So
- 22 they know the primary circuits that are involved.
- 23 They can, from the primary system maps, determine the
- 24 length of those feeders and the conductors used and

- 1 there is tables that provide the impedence of those
- 2 conductors.
- 3 Q But in order to get there they have to
- 4 know, as you said, I believe, the primary circuits
- 5 involved and the links involved?
- 6 A Yes. And the conductor types. They also
- 7 need to model the loads along the line for all the
- 8 other customers served, as well as the railroad
- 9 loads.
- 10 Q And in your review -- have you reviewed any
- 11 of those load flows?
- 12 A I have seen the results, I have not
- 13 reviewed the models that they created.
- 14 O Have you reviewed them to a point of being
- able to say, for example, which circuits are used to
- 16 serve any particular substation on the CTA
- 17 substation?
- 18 A Not off the top of my head.
- 19 Q In that review that you have conducted, did
- 20 you see any load flows where a 4 kV circuit was used
- 21 to serve a CTA traction power substation?
- 22 A The diagrams that I saw show only the
- 23 circuits that are used to serve the traction power
- 24 substations. But that's not to say those circuits

- don't share facilities such as poles or conduit with
- 2 other voltage circuits.
- 3 Q I understand your testimony about sharing
- 4 poles and the like, but I'm asking the circuits
- 5 themselves that were involved, were any of those
- 6 circuits, to your knowledge, 4 kV circuits?
- 7 A No.
- 8 MR. BALOUGH: Your Honor, I have no other
- 9 questions. Thank you.
- 10 THE COURT: The IIEC and they have an hour's
- 11 worth of cross examination scheduled. Do you need to
- take a break before we start them?
- 13 THE WITNESS: No.
- 14 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 15 BY
- MR. ROBERTSON:
- 17 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi?
- 18 A Good afternoon, Mr. Robertson.
- 19 Q Nice to see you again?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q I would like to refer you to Page 10 of
- your surrebuttal testimony, Com Ed Exhibit 10.0C,
- 23 corrected. And I'm looking at Line 227. Are you
- 24 there?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Now, there you suggest that in regard to
- 3 pad mounted transformers in a residential development
- 4 with a direct buried underground system, the customer
- 5 service wires connected to a pedestal in a secondary
- 6 distribution system are directly to transformer
- 7 bushings without any additional tap as suggested by
- 8 Mr. Stowe; is that right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Now, are all the customers you reference in
- 11 your statement at Line 227 taking service from the
- 12 primary system, as Com Ed defines the primary system?
- 13 A The customers taking service from the
- 14 pedestal would be taking service from Com Ed's
- 15 secondary distribution system. The customers taking
- 16 service directly from the transformer we would have
- 17 classified as a primary customer.
- 18 MR. GOWER: Could you read that answer back.
- 19 (Whereupon, the record was
- 20 read as requested.)
- 21 BY MR. ROBERTSON:
- 22 Q Now, did Com Ed determine in any part of
- 23 its primary secondary analysis, how many of the
- 24 customers served via an underground distribution

- 1 system are connected to a pedestal?
- 2 A No, because we don't map services and it
- 3 would have been a significant resource effort to try
- 4 to determine how many customers are served from a
- 5 pedestal.
- 6 Q Did Com Ed in any part of its primary
- 7 secondary analysis determine how many of the
- 8 customers, via an underground distribution system,
- 9 have their service wire connected directly to the
- 10 transformer bushings?
- 11 A We did identify transformers that serve
- only one customer. And in those instances, we
- 13 classified those customers as primary customers for
- 14 purposes of our primary secondary analysis. And that
- 15 was done with the help of our computer systems.
- 16 Q Does Com Ed own and operate pad mounted
- 17 transformers that serve more than just one customer
- 18 via direct connections to their service wire?
- 19 A I think that's possible.
- 20 Q Does Com Ed provide electric service to
- 21 customer accounts at primary voltage levels?
- 22 A We have customers that are metered at
- 23 primary voltage levels. Those customers, most of
- 24 those customers, I should say, take service under Com

- 1 Ed's Rider PM, Primary Metering if they have a
- 2 recording type meter and transform either with a Com
- 3 Ed transformer or a customer owned transformer, after
- 4 the meter. There are some instances, I believe,
- 5 where customers take primary service at a primary
- 6 voltage and don't transform it. For example, an arc
- 7 furnace type customer.
- 8 O Has Com Ed attempted to identify these
- 9 customers for the purpose of this primary, secondary
- 10 analysis?
- 11 A And these customers meaning those --
- 12 Q The ones who take service at primary
- 13 voltage, such as the customer you identified last in
- 14 your answer?
- 15 A We estimated that there were potentially
- 16 300 customers that take service under our Rider PM.
- 17 But for customers that take service at primary
- 18 voltage and don't qualify for Rider PM for one reason
- 19 or another, those were nonidentified.
- 20 Q Now, you've already said, I think in your
- 21 prior answer, you said Com Ed provides service to
- 22 customer accounts where customers own their own
- 23 transformation equipment?
- 24 A Yes, we have a limited number of customers

- 1 that use their own transformer.
- 2 Q Has Com Ed attempted to identify the number
- 3 of customers that do that for the purpose of its
- 4 primary secondary analysis?
- 5 A No, we haven't identified those customers,
- 6 but they could be identified because they would be
- 7 taking service under what Com Ed calls Rider ACT,
- 8 which is allowance for customers owned transformers,
- 9 which is a grandfathered rider from the last rate
- 10 case.
- 11 Q Now, can I refer you to Page 12 of your
- 12 surrebuttal testimony, Table S1.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O Is it correct that the extra large load
- 15 delivery service class consists of customers with
- demands of 10 megawatts or more?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Do you agree that the ELL customers,
- 19 customer A, B and C, shown on this table, use only a
- 20 fraction of the capacity of the transformers
- 21 identified in the second column that they share with
- 22 other customers?
- 23 A Because those transformers are shared, they
- 24 use some fraction of the capacity of those

- 1 transformers, yes.
- 2 Q For the purpose of the cross here, can we
- 3 call those the community transformers?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Now, do you agree that the total load
- 6 passing through the community transformers, shown on
- 7 Table S1 makes up a fraction of customer's A, B and
- 8 C's total load?
- 9 A Without seeing the loads, I don't know, but
- 10 I can agree, because capacity of the transformers is
- lower than the total capacity that might be needed
- 12 for a 10-megawatt customer.
- 13 Q Now, would you agree that for customer A,
- 14 would you agree subject to check, that the percentage
- of load provided to customer A by the community
- 16 transformers is 0.6 percent?
- 17 A Subject to check, sure.
- 18 O And you can check your response to IIEC
- 19 Data Response 7.04. I think it's a combined response
- 20 to Subparagraphs A, B and C, it's a table.
- 21 A Okay.
- 22 Q Would you agree, subject to check, that the
- 23 percentage of load provided to customer B through the
- 24 community transformers is 2.0 percent? And by

- 1 percentage of load, I mean percentage of customer B's
- 2 total load?
- 3 A Yes. I can accept that subject to check.
- 4 Q And would you agree that for customer C,
- 5 that the percentage of load provided to customer C,
- 6 through the community transformers, percentage of his
- 7 total load, is 0.5 percent?
- 8 A Yes, I can accept that subject to check.
- 9 Q Now, can I ask you to go back to Line 222
- of your surrebuttal testimony, please, Mr. Alongi?
- 11 A 222?
- 12 Q Yes, sir.
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O And it's on Page 10. If you -- you refer
- in this part of your testimony to certain taps to the
- 16 transformer; is that correct?
- 17 A Correct.
- 18 Q And just as a point of clarification, the
- 19 taps you refer to at this part of your testimony are
- 20 the same as the taps you refer to at Line 130 on Page
- 21 6?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q Now, you referred to, earlier today, the
- 24 list of rate classes that Com Ed has for its delivery

- 1 service; is that correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And one of those classes was the high
- 4 voltage delivery service class; was that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And is it correct that the customers in the
- 7 high voltage delivery service class take at least a
- 8 part of their load at 69 kV or higher?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Now, did you participate in Docket 05-0597,
- it's a Commonwealth Edison rate case?
- 12 A Yes, I did.
- 13 Q And would you accept or do you remember,
- 14 wasn't that a case where the high voltage delivery
- 15 service class first -- was first approved by the
- 16 Commission?
- 17 A I believe that's true. We, prior to that
- 18 rate case, I believe, if my memory serves we had a
- 19 Rider HVDS and prior to that we had a Rider 111 which
- 20 was for high voltage customers.
- 21 Q And do you recollect any of the reasoning,
- 22 I'm not asking you what it is, but do you have a
- 23 recollection of the reasoning that the Company
- 24 expressed for creating the high voltage delivery

- 1 service rate class in that case?
- 2 A I think the original thought was having a
- 3 class rate for such customers would be easier to
- 4 bill. But as it turns out, as a result of the ruling
- 5 in the last rate case, the billing has actually
- 6 become more complicated.
- 7 Q Would you be willing to accept, subject to
- 8 check, that at Page 196 of the rate order in Docket
- 9 05-0597, it was stated that Com Ed proposes the
- 10 creation of a high voltage delivery class, because
- 11 high voltage customers primarily use the distribution
- 12 system operating at or above 69,000 volts to obtain
- 13 electric power and energy?
- 14 A I can accept that.
- 15 Q And could you also accept that, according
- 16 to that order, Com Ed claimed that these customers do
- 17 not utilize a significant portion of Com Ed's overall
- 18 distribution system and therefore have a different
- 19 set of -- a different cost of service than customers
- 20 that utilize the Com Ed distribution system at levels
- 21 below 69,000 volts?
- 22 A I can accept that, although I must say with
- 23 the segmentation that now exists in the high voltage
- 24 class for loads served below 69 kV, it's created a

- 1 very complex rate to bill.
- Q Okay, but we're talking about why the rate
- 3 was created and the philosophy behind it in the first
- 4 instance; is that correct?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Now, I think this is true, based on your
- 7 statements so far, I take it you would agree that at
- 8 least some of the high voltage delivery service rate
- 9 class customers have some service lines that come
- 10 into their plant at voltages below 69 kV; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 O Now, is it correct that in the case of high
- 14 voltage customers that have some of their service at
- 15 69 kV and above, they don't have to pay for the lower
- 16 voltage part of the distribution system for their
- 17 loads that are served at 69 kV or above?
- 18 A Based upon a rate design that was approved
- in the last rate case, that's true.
- 20 Q Now, under Com Ed's proposal in this case,
- 21 customers who take services at voltage, of let's say,
- 22 34.5 kV, for example, would pay for part of the
- 23 secondary system, even if none of the customer's load
- 24 is served at secondary voltage; is that correct?

- 1 A So that assumes a 34 kV customers takes 34
- 2 and uses it at 34, without any transformation?
- 3 A Well, I think you talked about earlier
- 4 today the wires that are entering the customer's
- 5 premises at 34.5 kV. And that customer is going to
- 6 pay for part of the secondary system even though none
- 7 of the customer's load is served at a secondary
- 8 voltage level.
- 9 A I think that's correct, yes.
- 10 Q Now, subject to check or if you know --
- 11 strike that.
- Would you agree that there were 67
- 13 customers in the high voltage delivery class in the
- 14 2006 test year that was used in Docket 05-0597?
- 15 A I can accept that, subject to check. I
- 16 thought the current number was 26.
- 17 Q You got a copy of Com Ed Exhibit 1.1
- 18 capital A, Page 3, it's attached to your direct
- 19 testimony?
- 20 A 1.1A?
- 21 Q 1.1A, Page 3.
- 22 A Okay.
- Q Now, if my math is correct, there are 801
- 24 test year billing units for customer charges there;

- 1 is that correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And if we divided the 801 by 12 billing
- 4 units per year, that would produce roughly 67
- 5 customers, wouldn't that?
- 6 A Yes. So apparently my number 26 is in
- 7 error.
- 8 O Now, Mr. Alongi, I would like to refer you
- 9 to your table on Com Ed Exhibit 1.5, attached to your
- 10 direct testimony, Page 5 of 10.
- 11 A Okay.
- 12 Q Can you point out where in this table you
- have identified the secondary tap wires that you have
- 14 referred to at Lines 130 and 222 of your surrebuttal
- 15 testimony? And just to shorten this up, I think
- they're the fifth and sixth lines up from the bottom.
- 17 A Yeah, I'm almost there. Yes.
- 18 Q Are these two lines the only places on this
- 19 table where these tap wires appear?
- 20 A On this particular table?
- 21 Q Yes.
- 22 A From what I can tell, yes.
- 23 Q Does Com Ed use grounding wires on its
- 24 secondary distribution system?

- 1 A Grounding wires are used to ground
- 2 secondary distribution, transformers, primary
- 3 distribution. There is generally a ground wire
- 4 coming down the pole or there is a ground grid around
- 5 the transformer.
- 6 Q So you do use it in the secondary
- 7 distribution system?
- 8 A Yes, as well as for grounding transformers
- 9 and primary.
- 10 Q So would I -- well, let's see. Now looking
- 11 at table on Com Ed Exhibit 1.5, can you point to the
- 12 types of wire that could potentially be used for
- 13 grounding the secondary distribution system?
- 14 A Well, there is a row that's in the
- 15 retirement unit identified as Wire-CU, slash, copper
- weld bearer, single conductor, that, I'm not
- 17 positive, but that may be a wire that's used for
- 18 grounding.
- 19 Q And that's a couple lines --
- 20 A Yeah, maybe Wire-CU-bare single conductor,
- 21 that might more likely be a ground wire.
- 22 Q Okay. And that's just a couple lines up
- from where we were looking originally, is that
- 24 correct?

- 1 A Yes. And obviously I know where you're
- 2 going.
- 3 Q Would you -- I'm going too slow to let you
- 4 think it out. What percentage of the cost of those
- 5 types of wire has Com Ed identified as being
- 6 associated with the secondary distribution system in
- 7 this exhibit?
- 8 A Zero percent.
- 9 O And what percentage of the cost of those
- 10 types of wires has Com Ed identified as being
- identified with the primary distribution system?
- 12 A 100 percent.
- MR. ROBERTSON: No further questions. Thank
- 14 you, Mr. Alongi.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- 16 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 17 BY
- 18 MR. GOWER:
- 19 Q As you know, I'm Ed Gower, I represent
- 20 Metra. Nice to see you today.
- 21 A Same here, Ed.
- 22 Q Now, when Mr. Balough was questioning you,
- 23 I just wanted to do some rough math, I think you
- 24 testified that the current costs recovered from the

- 1 railroad class are something on the order of
- 2 \$4,927,000 or something close to that, correct?
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q And if you were -- changes that you have
- 5 proposed to be made in this proceeding were, in fact,
- 6 made in the next rate case and there was no revenue
- 7 increase, the costs that would be recovered through
- 8 rates to the railroad class would be something on the
- 9 order of almost \$7.5 million, correct?
- 10 MR. ROONEY: I just object to the
- 11 characterization. Mr. Alongi has testified that Com
- 12 Ed isn't proposing any change and what was presented
- was for illustrative purposes only.
- 14 THE COURT: I think the substance of his
- 15 question is correct. Your admonition is taken under
- 16 advisement.
- 17 MR. ROONEY: Thank you.
- 18 THE WITNESS: So if the illustrative rates that
- 19 are shown in the subject exhibit, whatever exhibit
- 20 that was, the increase from 4.9 million or so to 7
- 21 point something, I don't remember the number, that
- 22 would be the impact, yes.
- 23 BY MR. GOWER:
- 24 Q Be roughly a \$2.5 million increase or in

- 1 other words, a 50 percent increase in the railroad
- 2 class' rates, correct?
- 3 A The revenue responsibility would increase
- 4 by 50 percent.
- 5 Q And the corresponding rates would increase
- 6 by 50 percent as well, correct?
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q If you had your way?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Counsel for the commercial group asked you
- 11 about a world in which Commonwealth Edison had
- 12 unlimited resource, do you recall that question?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O Is there such a world?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Do you ever anticipate that there will be
- 17 such a world?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Now, you made some reference to
- 20 Mr. Bachman's testimony about possibly evolving
- 21 somehow into a customer specific study.
- 22 Mr. Bachman never requested or suggested -- never
- 23 requested in his testimony that Commonwealth Edison
- 24 conduct a customer specific cost study, did he?

- 1 A I'm just suggesting that --
- 2 Q Can you answer my question before you
- 3 suggest? Did Mr. Bachman ask that Commonwealth
- 4 Edison prepare a customer specific cost study?
- 5 A Mr. Bachman offered to lend the assistance
- 6 of CTA and Metra to Commonwealth Edison to conduct
- 7 further analyses, which would result in excluding
- 8 4 kV system -- I apologize 4 kV facility costs from
- 9 being charged to the railroad. What that entails, I
- 10 guess I'm not sure. But in my opinion it could
- 11 involve something that looks a lot like a customer
- 12 specific study.
- 13 O In this proceeding, unless I have
- 14 completely misunderstood the entire proceeding, what
- 15 you did in this proceeding was in your study of
- 16 primary and secondary costs, was to separate the
- 17 costs for the secondary system under 4000 -- excuse
- 18 me, 4 kV, from the remainder of the system, which you
- 19 characterized as primary, correct?
- 20 A That is correct and which is defined by our
- 21 general terms and conditions as primary.
- 22 O I'm not arguing with you about primary
- 23 secondary, I'm just trying to make sure. So was that
- 24 a specific cost study? A specific customer cost

- 1 study?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q So if you went to the next level and you
- 4 segregated the costs for below 12.5 kV and the costs
- 5 above that, that also would not be a specific
- 6 customer cost study, would it?
- 7 A It depends on how you go about doing it.
- 8 Q Because we're looking only at excluding
- 9 from the railroads the cost of 4 kV. One approach
- 10 might be to look at only the railroads, as far as
- 11 what facilities serve them and direct assignment.
- 12 Q So you could do a customer specific --
- 13 specific customer cost study to try and exclude the
- 14 costs to the railroad class below 12 kV, but you
- don't have to do that; is that right?
- 16 A That's correct.
- 17 Q Now, the most common phase to phase
- 18 voltages that Com Ed utilizes for its primary
- 19 distribution systems are 4,160,000 volts -- excuse me
- 20 I said 4 million, 4,160 volts, 12,470 volts and
- 21 34,500 volts, correct?
- 22 A Those are the nominal phase to phase
- 23 voltage, yes.
- 24 O For the three primary distribution systems,

- 1 correct?
- 2 A For the three voltage that we operate on
- 3 our primary distribution system.
- 4 Q Do you recall answering data requests for
- 5 the CTA?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And do you recall that in those data
- 8 requests you identified three primary distribution
- 9 systems with the voltages I just described?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q All right, you threw me, because you didn't
- 12 answer the question. There are three primary
- 13 distribution voltage systems in the Commonwealth
- 14 Edison system; is that correct?
- 15 A What I said was there are three voltages
- 16 that we use on our primary distribution system. I
- 17 didn't say there was three systems.
- 18 Q Okay. What is the functional purpose of
- 19 the 34,500-volt primary distribution, what do you
- 20 want to call it?
- 21 THE COURT: Voltage. The primary system
- consists of three voltages; isn't that right.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Correct.
- THE COURT: One of them is 34 K.

- 1 MR. GOWER: The data request says says 34.5
- 2 volt.
- 3 BY MR. GOWER:
- 4 Q What is the functional purpose of the
- 5 34,500-volt distribution class?
- 6 A Well, the 34000-volt system was used to
- 7 distribute electricity longer distances than -- and
- 8 more power over those lines than the 12 kV or the 4
- 9 kV.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A And if I could add, primarily in rural
- 12 areas.
- 13 O And is there any rate class of Commonwealth
- 14 Edison customers that are served exclusively by the
- 15 34,500-volt distribution lines?
- 16 A Exclusively, not to my knowledge, no.
- 17 Q Of Com Ed's total distribution system, what
- 18 percentage of the system would you estimate is
- 19 comprised of the 34,500-volt lines and related
- 20 facilities?
- 21 A I can't really give you a good estimate for
- 22 that. I can tell you that there is about 300 34 kV
- 23 lines and there is about a thousand 4 kV lines and
- there is about 4000 12 kV lines. But that doesn't

- 1 tell you anything about the lengths of those lines
- 2 and I don't know that. I do know that the total
- 3 circuit miles is 64,580 circuit miles of primary
- 4 grid, but I can't tell you how much is each of those
- 5 different voltage, I just don't know that offhand.
- 6 Q So you've got about 334?
- 7 A About 300, 34 kV lines, about.
- 8 O And about a thousand 12?
- 9 A A thousand 4 kV and about 4000 12 kV.
- 10 Those are very rough numbers.
- 11 Q I may have misheard you, did you just say
- 12 that there are about 4000 12 kV lines and a thousand
- 13 4 kV lines?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q So there are fewer 4 kV lines than 12.5 kV
- 16 lines?
- 17 A Right. Our system is predominantly 12 kV.
- 18 Q When you say, so that we're talking about
- 19 the same thing, when you say 12 kV, are you referring
- 20 to 12,470 volt lines?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q The most common phase to phase voltage that
- 23 Com Ed utilizes for its secondary distribution system
- is 208 or 240 volts; is that correct?

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1 A Phase to phase is generally 240. We do
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- 2 have some 208, but it's, I would say the predominant
- 3 secondary phase to phase voltage is 240.
- 4 Q Now, is there a maximum recommended line
- 5 that Com Ed uses to limit the distance that
- 6 electricity is carried on a 240-volt line?
- 7 A I'm sure there is a limitation, I don't
- 8 know what it is offhand. You can only transmit power
- 9 so far at a certain voltage. So the secondary
- 10 voltage transmit power shorter distances than primary
- 11 voltages than transmission voltages.
- 12 Q And are the 4 kV lines typically going to
- 13 be shorter than the 12 kV lines?
- 14 A Yes.
- MR. GOWER: May I approach, your Honor?
- 16 (Whereupon, Metra Cross
- 17 Exhibit No. 17 was
- 18 marked for identification
- as of this date.)
- 20 (Change of reporter.)
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- 1 (Whereupon, there was
- a change of reporters.)
- 3 BY MR. GOWER:
- 4 Q Mr. Alongi, has the reporter handed you a
- 5 copy of the exhibit?
- 6 A No.
- 7 MR. GOWER: Would you please.
- 8 (Whereupon, Metra Cross-Exhibit
- 9 No. 17 was marked for
- identification.)
- 11 THE REPORTER: (Tendering document.)
- 12 BY MR. GOWER:
- 13 Q Mr. Alongi, I have just handed you a copy
- 14 of what has succinctly been marked as Metra
- 15 Cross-Exhibit Alongi Exhibit 17.
- 16 A Okay.
- 17 Q And I'd ask you first is that a copy of
- 18 Commonwealth Edison Company's data response to CTA
- 19 Request 103?
- 20 A Yes, it is.
- 21 Q And if you look at the second question, it
- 22 says:
- "Please list all voltages."
- "he," referring to you, "considers

- 1 to be primary."
- 2 And in the response on
- 3 Paragraph 2 -- and this is what confused me with your
- 4 answers previously.
- In the response on Paragraph 2, it
- 6 says:
- 7 "The most common phase-to-phase
- 8 voltages ComEd utilizes for its
- 9 primary distribution systems are
- 10 4,160 volts, 12,270 volts and
- 11 34,500 volts."
- Do you see that?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q Are there, in fact, three primary
- distribution systems at Commonwealth Edison Company?
- 16 A No, we have one primary distribution system
- 17 that operates at three different voltages.
- 18 Q So when it talks about primary distribution
- 19 systems that was an error in the data response?
- 20 A Yes, there should be no "S."
- 21 Q Now, you were assigned the responsibility
- 22 for directing and supervising ComEd's analysis of its
- 23 primary and secondary distributions systems; is that
- 24 correct?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And the purpose of that analysis was to
- 3 determine whether and to what extent adjustments to
- 4 the embedded cost-of-service study were appropriate
- 5 to account for the cost differences in providing
- 6 service via ComEd's primary and secondary
- 7 distribution systems; is that correct?
- 8 A I provided information to Alan Heintz who
- 9 incorporated the results of our primary/secondary
- 10 analysis into the embedded cost-of-service study.
- 11 Q For purposes of your analysis, you define
- 12 the primary distribution facilities to include the
- wire, cable, attachments, portions of pole and
- 14 conduits used to distribute electricity at 4,000
- volts or higher phase-to-phase at less than 69,000
- 16 volts; is that correct?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 O And secondary distribution facilities were
- 19 defined to include the wire, cable, attachments
- 20 portions of poles and conduits used to distribute
- 21 electricity at less than 4,000 volts phase-to-phase;
- is that correct?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 O In the 4,000 volt primary distribution

- 1 voltage lines that were previously discussed were
- 2 included in the primary facilities for purposes of
- 3 your analysis; is that correct?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q Then after you decided what the line of
- 6 demar -- after you identified.
- 7 After you identified the line between
- 8 primary and secondary facilities, you then looked at
- 9 how Commonwealth Edison organizes its data with
- 10 respect to its plant, correct?
- 11 A I'm sorry. With respect to?
- 12 Q It's plant and equipment?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q And, specifically, you looked at the
- information contained in the uniform system of
- 16 accounts reporting format to determine which accounts
- 17 might contain facilities that could be categorized as
- 18 primary or secondary distribution facilities; is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A Correct.
- 21 Q You then identified four accounts that
- 22 could contain such facilities, correct?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 O Those accounts were account USOA Account

- 1 364, poles, towers and fixtures; 365, overhead
- 2 conductors and devices; 366, underground conduit; and
- 3 367, underground conductors and devices, correct?
- 4 A Correct. And later, we found some costs
- 5 in -- I think it was Account 361.
- 6 Q Okay. You found about \$4.5 million of
- 7 costs that should have been secondary, and you
- 8 switched it over as reflected in your rebuttal
- 9 testimony, correct?
- 10 A I think the number is 4.7, but, yes.
- 11 Q Now, with respect to Account 364, what you
- 12 did is you first made a determination as to how many
- 13 poles there were by region using the data available
- 14 to you.
- And then you made an engineering
- judgment that 57 percent of the wood poles less than
- 17 50 feet tall would have secondary facilities,
- 18 correct?
- 19 A 50 feet or less in height.
- 20 Q Yes.
- 21 A And we did it region by region, and we came
- 22 up with a total for the company of 57 percent, yes.
- 23 Q And of those 57 percent, you then
- 24 allocated, based on engineering judgment, you assumed

- 1 50 percent of the pole was used for secondary
- 2 distribution purposes and 50 percent for primary
- 3 distribution purposes, correct?
- 4 A Correct.
- 5 Q And then you multiplied 57 times 50 percent
- 6 and came up with an estimate that of the wood poles
- 7 under 50 feet, 28.5 percent would be assigned to the
- 8 secondary facilities category, correct?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q And so conversely, you assumed that roughly
- 11 71.5 percent of all ComEd's wooden poles under
- 12 50 feet and all of its poles over 50 feet, 50 feet
- 13 tall, should be assigned to ComEd's primary
- 14 facilities?
- 15 A That's correct.
- 16 Q What are the standard heights of
- 17 Commonwealth Edison's wooden poles? Are there
- 18 different standard heights? How did you arrive at
- 19 that? Why did you pick 50 feet?
- 20 A Most line poles are 40-foot poles. And a
- 21 line pole is a pole that has no equipment on it; and
- 22 by equipment I mean by transformers, switches,
- 23 capacitors, voltage regulators, things of that
- 24 nature. For those equipment poles, the height is

- 1 generally 45 feet.
- 2 Q And are there taller poles than 45 feet?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And are there fixed levels according to
- 5 what kind of equipment is on them?
- 6 A Well, taller poles can be used for
- 7 multi-circuit poles where you have 34 kV and 12 kV or
- 8 12 kV and 4 kV on the same pole. It can be used to
- 9 go over railroads. It can be used to get over trees
- 10 that are high, things of that nature.
- 11 Q Now, after you did your initial analysis
- 12 and you just count the number of poles, figured
- 13 57 percent were in category secondary, and then you
- 14 did a 50-percent allocation and came up with
- 15 28.5 percent of the poles being allocated as
- 16 secondary. Prior to filing your rebuttal testimony,
- 17 you then went out and sampled 10 poles in 19 areas of
- 18 Commonwealth Edison, correct?
- 19 A Correct.
- 20 Q And you would assume that all wood poles
- 21 that were in excess of 50 feet were primary and what
- 22 you discovered was, in fact, 34.9 percent should be
- assigned to the secondary category, correct?
- 24 A Based on the example I think it was 50

- 1 poles for the over 50-foot poles?
- 2 Q Excuse me. Correct?
- 3 A Yes, that's what we found.
- 4 Q Then you made adjustments?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And that's the extent of the analysis that
- 7 was done for Account 364, correct?
- 8 A Between what we filed in direct testimony
- 9 and rebuttal testimony, that's correct.
- 10 Q Now, USOA Account 365, I didn't see a great
- 11 deal of verbal description in your testimony. I
- 12 think the allocation that you made for that account
- may be on Commonwealth Edison Exhibit 1.5 at Page 5
- of 10 in the very small print that I can't read.
- 15 Can you take a look at that and tell
- 16 me what you did to separate out the costs between
- 17 primary and secondary in Account 365 please.
- 18 A My recollection is we have both primary and
- 19 secondary mapped in what we call our CEGIS Mapping
- 20 System.
- 21 Q That's the Commonwealth Edison GIS?
- 22 A Commonwealth Edison Geographical
- 23 Information System inside Chicago.
- 24 Outside Chicago, we don't have primary

- 1 and secondary mapped totally.
- We have some secondary that's been
- 3 mapped outside of Chicago since I think the year was
- 4 2002, somewhere thereabouts.
- But anyways, inside the City, we have
- 6 both primary and secondary map.
- 7 So what we did inside the City is we
- 8 determined through the CEGIS System how much footage
- 9 we had at primary versus secondary, and that
- 10 percentage at primary was 73.6 percent as shown on
- 11 Page 6. And we estimated for -- I'm sorry -- I'm
- 12 looking at the wrong page.
- I have to back up one second.
- 14 Which account are we talking about?
- 15 Q 365.
- 16 A Okay. Because I was looking at 366, for
- 17 some reason.
- 18 O Let's just assume -- can we assume that
- 19 your prior testimony concerning 36 -- describing what
- 20 you did for 365 was, in fact, 366. And you can go
- 21 ahead and finish with 366.
- 22 A So 366, which is the conduit, we determined
- 23 that 5.1 percent of the conduit in the City is used
- 24 for secondary and the remainder is used for primary.

- 1 We then estimated outside the City
- 2 because we don't have secondary fully mapped outside
- 3 the City. We estimated the percent of conduit
- 4 outside the City used for secondary to be 1 percent
- 5 because there's far fewer secondary networks outside
- 6 the City which is where you would have secondary
- 7 conduit.
- 8 Meaning, we have a limited number
- 9 of --
- 10 JUDGE HAYNES: Secondary what?
- 11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- We have a limited number of secondary
- 13 network systems outside the City in Elgin, Aurora,
- 14 Evanston. So we felt 1 percent was reasonable.
- 15 BY MR. GOWER:
- 16 Q So unlike the City where you have secondary
- 17 networks because of people are living closer together
- 18 in the suburbs. It's a little more spread out. So
- 19 you use your primary distribution system to deliver
- 20 to particular subdivisions, then you drop down into
- 21 secondary? Is what you're saying?
- 22 A Well, the secondary network systems I'm
- 23 talking about are in the central district areas and
- in certain shopping centers, like, I think Evergreen

- 1 Park Shopping Center is one of them where we actually
- 2 have secondary networks.
- 3 And a secondary network is where you
- 4 actually have secondary distribution running between
- 5 transformers that actually parallel the transformers
- 6 together so that if one transformer fails that
- 7 secondary still remains in service. And there's very
- 8 few of those type of secondary network systems on
- 9 ComEd's system outside of Chicago.
- 10 Q And so have you now described what you
- 11 did -- you used the CEGIS information for inside the
- 12 City to identify primary versus secondary. And then
- outside the City, you made an engineering judgment?
- 14 A Yes.
- O Okay. And have we now covered the uniform
- 16 system of Account 366 and what you did for your
- 17 analysis there?
- 18 A In 364, I'm looking at ComEd Exhibit 1.5 on
- 19 Page 2, for example, what we did there is we
- 20 identified --
- 21 Q Let me stop you, if I could, for just one
- 22 second.
- 23 You're dropping back to Exhibit US --
- the Uniform System of Account 364 and we were on 366.

- 1 A Oh, okay.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: It was a "yes" or "no"
- 3 question.
- 4 Did you describe what you did with 366
- 5 or not?
- 6 THE WITNESS: I need to look at it.
- 7 366, we identified the retirement
- 8 units listed on Page 7 on ComEd Exhibit 1.2 that were
- 9 inside the City of Chicago and assigned 5.1 percent
- 10 of those costs.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. You already stated
- 12 that. His question is: "Are you finished describing
- 13 what you did with 366"? You don't have to say it all
- 14 over again.
- 15 THE WITNESS: It wasn't clear to me if he
- 16 wanted more of the detail on the detail sheet that's
- in fine print. And if not, then I'm done.
- 18 BY MR. GOWER:
- 19 Q Conceptually, I just wanted to make sure
- 20 that you described what you did.
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Now, so we did 364. We did 366.
- Let's back up to 365.
- 24 What did you do as part of your

- 1 analysis to determine the primary/secondary split on
- 2 uniform system of Account 365?
- 3 A On Page 5 of ComEd Exhibit 1.5, we looked
- 4 at the third column over entitled retirement units
- 5 and identified equipment that was listed there. For
- 6 example, the first line is an
- 7 arrestor-lightening-line type. That's a piece of the
- 8 equipment that's on the primary system, so we
- 9 designated that 100 percent primary.
- 10 Continuing down, an example of a
- 11 cable. It's designated as cable signal pilot
- 12 pressure and, T-E-L, is a piece of equipment used on
- 13 the secondary system, so we designated that
- 14 100 percent secondary.
- 15 And then there's some items that are
- 16 non unitized that we designated as the as the average
- of those that were unitized and we could classify
- 18 them.
- 19 So I can't tell you exactly what line.
- 20 But there's a line that's designated as primary 84.4
- 21 and secondary 15.6. That represents the average of
- 22 the items that we couldn't classify as either primary
- 23 or secondary.
- 24 O In the mean, did you go down that list and

- 1 identify pieces of equipment or components and decide
- whether they were primary or secondary? And if they
- 3 were used for both, then did you make some judgment
- 4 as to what they were used for?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q Okay. Now, let's turn to uniform system
- 7 of Account 367, Underground Conductors and Devices.
- 8 And I think that's described, to guide you to it, on
- 9 ComEd Exhibit 1.5 at Pages 9 and 10.
- 10 And I would just ask you if you could
- 11 explain what was done to segregate primary from
- 12 secondary in that account?
- 13 A Basically the same process; looking at the
- 14 retirement units, deciding if we felt that those
- 15 retirement units were primary or secondary.
- 16 And for the non unitized, we used the
- average of those that we were able to classify.
- 18 Q So, again, you went through and made
- 19 engineering judgment as to the equipment that fell
- into that category, correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And you alluded to this earlier, after you
- 23 analyzed those four USOA accounts, you discovered
- 4.7 million in Account 361, Structures and

- 1 Improvements that should have been classified as
- 2 secondary, correct?
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q And the sum total of your analysis that we
- 5 just discussed and the two provisions that you made,
- 6 one in the pole arena and one in the structures and
- 7 accounts is that you concluded that it's only
- 8 13.5 percent of ComEd's total plant and equipment
- 9 costs should be assigned to the secondary
- 10 distribution system, correct?
- 11 A Of the accounts that we looked at, yes.
- 12 Q And -- well, there aren't any other
- 13 accounts that you analyzed and concluded had some
- 14 component of both primary and secondary in them, are
- 15 there?
- 16 A We looked at, I think the USOA Accounts 360
- 17 through 373, I think. And only the five now that we
- 18 identified as having both primary and secondary items
- 19 were the ones that were analyzed in more detail.
- 20 Q So 13.5 percent went to secondary, and
- 21 86.5 percent went to primary as a result of your
- 22 analysis, correct?
- 23 A Right.
- Q Okay. Now, assume that Ross Hemphill

- 1 walked into your office tomorrow and he said,
- 2 "Mr. Alongi, I need you to calculate to the maximum
- 3 extent practicable the split in our distribution
- 4 system between the facilities utilized to deliver
- 5 services below 12,470 volts and the facilities
- 6 required to deliver services at or above 12,470
- 7 volts."
- 8 What would you do?
- 9 A Ask him for more people, for one. Ask him
- 10 when it needs to be done.
- 11 Q Okay. What else would you do?
- 12 Sooner or later, you would conduct the
- requested analysis, wouldn't you, after you got more
- 14 people and you got more detail and you got a deadline
- and you asked all the questions that a good manager
- 16 would ask, what would you do to conduct the analysis?
- 17 A To separate the primary system at or below
- 18 a 12 kV -- or at or below 12 kV versus above? So
- 19 basically 34 kV versus below? I just want to
- 20 understand.
- 21 Q Let's take a step back, so we all
- 22 understand.
- The railroad class currently, the
- 24 lines going into the railroad to both CTA and Metra

- 1 facilities are at 12,470 volts, correct?
- 2 A I think we have established that, yes.
- 3 Q Okay. Is that what you refer to as 12 kV?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Okay. So what I'm asking you to do is tell
- 6 us what you would have to do to figure out what part
- 7 of Metra's system provides services at 12 kV and
- 8 above and what part of Metra services provides -- let
- 9 me start again.
- 10 What I'm asking you to do is tell me
- 11 what analysis you would conduct to identify that part
- 12 of Commonwealth Edison's distribution system that
- 13 provides services at 12 kV and above and what part of
- 14 Metra's -- what part of Commonwealth Edison's system
- 15 provides services at below 12 kV?
- 16 A Well, I guess the first step is we are
- 17 basically talking about separating the part of the
- 18 system that operates at 4 kV versus the part that
- 19 operates at 12 and 34 kV.
- 20 So --
- 21 Q I haven't asked you that.
- I'm just asking you to separate into
- 23 two parts; one part is 12 kV and up and one part is
- 24 below 12 kV.

- 1 A Right. And the one part that's below 12
- 2 kV, setting aside the secondary that we've already
- 3 dealt with --
- 4 Q Yes.
- 5 A -- is 4 kV?
- 6 Q Yes.
- 7 A So we would -- I think the first step is we
- 8 would collect those 1,000 maps of 4 kV feeders,
- 9 determine what length of conductors are used to
- 10 distribute at 4 kV.
- I'm not sure what I would do with that
- 12 information because much of the facilities at 4 kV
- 13 are actually built at 12 kV standards, so when we
- 14 look at the -- well, I guess we would attempt to look
- 15 at the length of the various conductors used for 4 kV
- 16 and all the related facilities versus those that are
- 17 used at 12 and 34, and try to conduct the same type
- 18 of analysis that we've done for the secondary where
- 19 we would allocate parts of the system to 4 kV and
- 20 parts to above 4 kV at a very high level.
- I guess, I'm saying we've have to do
- 22 essentially the same thing that we've attempted to do
- 23 here for the primary/secondary.
- 24 O And you would agree with me, would you not,

- 1 that the primary/secondary analysis that you did in
- 2 this case was done at a very high level?
- 3 A Given that the data that we had to work
- 4 with, it had to be.
- 5 Q And so the same analysis would be done at a
- 6 very high level for the 12 kV separation, correct?
- 7 A If that's the manner in which Mr. Hemphill
- 8 directed me to do it. If he directed me to do the
- 9 actual cost of the 4 kV system, it would be another
- 10 matter.
- 11 Q That would be a very different study than
- 12 the study for this case, right?
- 13 A Right.
- 14 But that's part of
- 15 clarifying -- confirming and clarifying with your
- 16 boss, what your boss wants you to do.
- 17 Q I understand.
- 18 MR. GOWER: That's all I have.
- 19 Thank you.
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think this is a good time
- 21 for a 5-minute break.
- 22 MR. ROBERTSON: Your Honor, at this time this, I
- 23 would like to move the admission into evidence of the
- 24 direct testimony of Robert R. Stephens on behalf of

- 1 IIEC. IIEC Exhibit 1.0, IIEC Exhibit 1.1, both of
- which were filed on E-Docket on May 22, 2009; the
- 3 rebuttal testimony of Mr. Stephens, IIEC Exhibit 3.0
- 4 and IIEC Exhibit 3.1, both of which were filed on
- 5 E-Docket on October 2, 2009. And Mr. Stephens'
- 6 affidavit IIEC 6.0 filed on E-Docket on November 3,
- 7 2009.
- 8 I would also move the admission of the
- 9 direct testimony and exhibits of Mr. David L. Stowe
- 10 for IIEC. IIEC 2.0 his direct testimony and IIEC
- 11 Exhibits 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 all filed on
- 12 E-Docket on May 22, 2009.
- 13 The rebuttal testimony and exhibits of
- 14 Mr. David L. Stowe for IIEC; IIEC Exhibit 4.0, his
- rebuttal, together with IIEC Exhibit 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
- and 4.4 all filed on the E-Docket on October 2, 2009.
- 17 And I would move the admission of IIEC
- 18 Exhibit 7.0, Mr. Stowe's affidavit filed on the
- 19 E-Docket on November 3, 2009.
- 20 And, finally, I would move the
- 21 admission of the rebuttal testimony of the exhibit of
- 22 Mr. James R. Dauphinais for IIEC, being IIEC 5.0, his
- 23 rebuttal testimony and IIEC 5.1 both filed on
- 24 E-Docket on October 2, 2009.

- 1 And Mr. Dauphinais' affidavit being
- 2 IIEC 8.0 filed on the E-Docket on November 3, 2009.
- 3 JUDGE HILLIARD: Spell Mr. Dauphinais for the
- 4 reporter.
- 5 MR. ROBERTSON: D-a-u-p-h-i-n-a-i-s and Stephens
- 6 is S-t-e-p-h-e-n.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Hearing no objection, IIEC
- 8 Exhibit 1.0, 1.1, 3.0, 3.1, 6.0, 2.0, 2.1 through
- 9 2.5, 4.0 and 4.1 through 4.4 and 7.0 and exhibits
- 10 5.0, 5.1 and 8.0 will all be admitted in the record.
- MR. ROBERTSON: Thank you, your Honor.
- 12 (Whereupon, IIEC Exhibit
- Nos. 1.0, 1.1, 3.0, 3.1, 6.0,
- 14 2.0, 2.1 through 2.5, 4.0 and
- 15 4.1 through 4.4 and 7.0 and
- 16 Exhibits 5.0, 5.1 and 8.0 was
- 17 admitted into evidence.)
- 18 MR. TOWNSEND: Your Honor, while we are
- 19 performing cleanup here, I believe Mr. Rooney had
- 20 something to report back with regards to the
- 21 on-the-record data request for the updated switching
- 22 projections?
- MR. ROONEY: Yes, your Honor, I confirmed that
- 24 the Company has not developed any update yet. As

- 1 Mr. Meehan testified yesterday, that process is
- 2 underway now, but there's no definitive update of the
- 3 information that we provided to all the parties
- 4 including REACT earlier this year in a data request
- 5 response.
- 6 MR. TOWNSEND: So the projections that we
- 7 received in that data request response are still
- 8 ComEd's projections?
- 9 MR. ROONEY: That's correct.
- 10 MR. TOWNSEND: And we also received some
- 11 additional information with regards to the
- 12 on-the-record data request with regards to
- 13 Mr. Meehan. And in particular, the work paper that
- 14 he referenced that was prepared by Mr. Tim Leahey,
- 15 correct?
- 16 MR. ROONEY: It was information that was
- 17 referenced by Mr. Meehan yesterday and he made
- 18 reference in work papers of Mr. Leahey. We pointed
- 19 towards two DR responses to counsel. One was REACT
- 20 2.42. And inside 2.42, it references a DR response
- 21 that the Company provided to Peter Lazare 2.03 where
- 22 there was a work paper attached to that document, and
- 23 that's the document that Mr. Meehan was referencing
- 24 when we discussed yesterday.

- 1 So that was identified for counsel.
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: Your Honors, we have copies of
- 3 those data request responses that we would like to
- 4 offer into evidence as REACT Cross-Exhibit -- I
- 5 suppose we do this has Meehan 18.
- 6 MR. ROONEY: I guess my question at this point
- 7 before I -- for what purpose is this being offered?
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: It's to reference what it was,
- 9 so that the record is complete as to what it was that
- 10 Mr. Meehan was referencing when he said that he saw a
- 11 work paper that was prepared by Mr. Leahey related to
- 12 dividing the call center information regarding the
- 13 supply information versus the billing information.
- 14 And if this is what he was relying on,
- 15 the record should be clear as to what it was he was
- 16 relying on. We can make arguments as to whether or
- 17 not this actually contains any such information.
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: Did you give three to the
- 19 reporter?
- MR. TOWNSEND: I have now.
- 21 MR. ROONEY: I guess, my only question is I'm
- 22 not sure about the arguments made to whether it
- 23 contains such information. This is a document that
- 24 he stated he relied upon. There is no factual

- 1 witness otherwise that could claim what is or isn't
- 2 in here.
- 3 REACT's had this information since
- 4 April of this year or May. I mean, if we want to
- 5 just include this document in the record for the
- 6 purpose that that's the document that Mr. Meehan said
- 7 he relied upon, I don't have any objection to that.
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: That's fine. That's what we
- 9 will have it admitted for then.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay.
- 11 (Whereupon, Meehan Exhibit
- No. 18 was admitted into
- 13 evidence.)
- 14 JUDGE HAYNES: Before we go on, Mr. Gower, did
- 15 you want Cross-Exhibit 17? Did you want to move that
- 16 into the record?
- Mr. Gower, did you want to move
- 18 Cross-Exhibit 17 into the record?
- MR. GOWER: No. Thank you, your Honor.
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay. REACT Meehan
- 21 Cross-Exhibit 18 will be admitted into the record.
- 22 Did you have something you wanted to
- 23 say, Mr. Jolly?
- 24 MR. JOLLY: I quess that it's my understanding

- 1 while I was out of the room, the City Exhibit 1.0,
- 2 City 2.0 revised were admitted?
- JUDGE HAYNES: And 3.0 the affidavit.
- 4 MR. JOLLY: Thank you.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Yes. We're working for you
- 6 even when you're not here.
- 7 (Whereupon, City Cross-Exhibit
- 8 Nos. 1.0, 2.0 revised and 3.0
- 9
  were admitted into evidence.)
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Go ahead, Mr. Townsend.
- 11 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 12 CROSS-EXAMINATION
- 13 BY
- MR. TOWNSEND:
- 15 Q Good afternoon, Mr. Alongi.
- 16 A Good afternoon.
- 17 Q My name is Christopher Townsend Appearing
- on behalf of REACT, the Coalition to Request
- 19 Equitable Allocation of Costs Together.
- 20 Mr. Alongi, you were the manager of
- 21 retail rates at ComEd, correct?
- 22 A That's correct.
- 23 Q And in that role, you plan and direct the
- 24 development and implementation of ComEd's retail

- 1 tariffs and revisions to those tariffs, correct?
- 2 A That's correct.
- 3 Q That includes the planning and direction of
- 4 ComEd's retail rate design, cost of service
- 5 activities, and retail rate administration, right?
- 6 A That's correct, up until a point very
- 7 recently the cost of service responsibilities have
- 8 been moved from my department, retail rates to -- I'm
- 9 not sure what the department is called now, but it's
- 10 regulatory strategies and analysis, or something like
- 11 that. But it's basically under Ross Hemphill.
- 12 Q When did that happen?
- 13 A Oh, I don't know, maybe a month ago.
- 14 O Was that as a result of the issues that
- were raised in this it proceeding?
- 16 A No.
- 17 Q You were present in the hearing room
- 18 throughout yesterday's hearing, correct?
- 19 A Yes, I was.
- 20 Q So you know that ComEd Witnesses Hemphill,
- 21 Heintz and Meehan repeatedly deferred to you on a
- 22 number of issues, right?
- 23 A Unfortunately, I understand that they did
- defer some items to me, yes.

- 1 Q We'll try to get those items, as well as
- 2 some other questions here today?
- 3 A Okay.
- 4 Q You would agree that costs shall be
- 5 allocated as precisely as reasonably possible to a
- 6 group of customers who benefit from the particular
- 7 services provided by ComEd, correct?
- 8 A Well, the level of precision that's
- 9 achievable is directly related to the level of detail
- 10 and the data.
- 11 So to the extent that the detail is
- there will determine the level of precision.
- 13 But at a high level, we want the cost
- 14 allocated to customers as precisely as we can, but
- 15 that depends on the level of detail in the data.
- 16 Q So costs associated with providing service
- 17 to one class of customers should be recovered in
- 18 rates charged to that group of customers as precisely
- 19 as you can?
- 20 A As precisely as the data allows, that's
- 21 correct.
- 22 Q And the costs associated with providing
- 23 service to more than one class of customers should be
- 24 recovered by allocating costs among the classes that

- 1 receive that service, right?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And you agree with Dr. Hemphill that ComEd
- 4 should adhere to the fundamental cost of price
- 5 principles, right?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Fundamental cost price principles is
- 8 another way of saying assigning costs to the cost
- 9 causer, right?
- 10 A That's one of the principles. I mean,
- 11 there's rate stability, gradualization. There's a
- 12 number of principles.
- But, yes, fundamentally where we want
- 14 to end up at is cost-base rates.
- 15 Q And you're familiar with the final order in
- Docket No. 07-0566, the 2007 ComEd rate case, right?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q You testified in that case, right?
- 19 A I did.
- 20 Q And in ComEd's 2007 rate case and in this
- 21 proceeding, ComEd recommends using an embedded
- 22 cost-of-service study, right?
- 23 A The Commission has directed the Company to
- 24 use embedded cost-of-service studies in the last

- 1 several cases, I guess I'd say, and the rules require
- only that we file an embedded cost study.
- 3 Q There was a specific directive from the
- 4 Commerce Commission itself defining how it is that
- 5 ComEd has to submit its cost-of-service study?
- 6 A Maybe I can clarify, the Commission
- 7 rejected the marginal cost-of-service study in at
- 8 least two cases that we filed for distribution rates.
- 9 And subsequently changed the rule to require only a
- 10 rate of cost-of-service study.
- 11 So I think it's fair to say, the
- 12 Commission endorses the embedded cost-of-service
- 13 study approach.
- 14 O You're aware that in ComEd's 2007 rate
- 15 case, the Commission reached some conclusions that
- were highly critical of ComEd's embedded
- 17 cost-of-service study, right?
- 18 A They raised some concerns.
- 19 Q Well, you understand that the Commission
- 20 found that ComEd's embedded cost-of-service study
- 21 failed in several respects to properly allocate
- 22 significant costs to the cost-causers, right?
- 23 MR. ROONEY: I guess I object to the question.
- 24 The order speaks for itself as to what the Commission

- 1 found.
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm asking his understanding.
- 3 JUDGE HILLIARD: Overruled.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I think the Commission expressed
- 5 some concerns about the cost allocation using the
- 6 embedded cost-of-service study that we submitted in
- 7 the last rate case.
- I think they pointed out that they
- 9 believed there should be some distinction between the
- 10 primary and secondary voltage levels.
- I think they identified uncollectibles
- 12 for residential customers as an area that needed to
- 13 be looked at. They identified customer-care costs,
- 14 whether they should be allocated between distribution
- and supplies, another area they were interested in
- 16 taking a further look at in this docket.
- 17 They identified street-lighting,
- 18 ownership of facilities as an area to look at and
- 19 certain customer-related costs or I think they were
- 20 called customer-installation costs that they wanted
- 21 us to look at as to whether they were caused by usage
- 22 versus customers.
- 23 So I think those areas were pretty
- 24 well-defined where they were concerned.

- 1 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 2 Q Well, the Commission concluded that the
- 3 ComEd embedded cost-of-service study in the 2000 rate
- 4 case was so flawed that it was problematic for them
- 5 to even rely upon it to set the rates in that
- 6 proceeding. Isn't that your understanding?
- 7 A I believe they did rely on it.
- I believe we set rates based upon that
- 9 cost-of-service study with the exception of the
- 10 extra-large load class, the high-voltage class and
- 11 the railroad class having their distribution
- 12 facilities charged moved only 25 percent towards the
- 13 costs that came out of the embedded cost study. And,
- 14 of course, the other nonresidential customers picked
- up the costs that weren't assigned to those three
- 16 classes.
- 17 Q But they did that recognizing that there
- 18 was substantial deficiencies in the embedded
- 19 cost-of-service study, correct?
- 20 A I don't recall them using that particular
- 21 language, but if you want to point me to it, I'll
- 22 take a look.
- 23 Q Sure.
- I will hand you what's been previously

- 1 marked as REACT Cross-Exhibit Hemphill 1 and ask you
- 2 to turn to Page 213 of that excerpt from the
- 3 Commission's order.
- 4 MR. TOWNSEND: Your Honors, do you need another
- 5 copy?
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: No thanks.
- 7 JUDGE HAYNES: No.
- 8 JUDGE HILLIARD: We wrote it.
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm looking at 213.
- 11 Sorry, but what I can't tell is if
- this is part of the Commission's conclusion.
- 13 MR. TOWNSEND: Well, why don't you take a
- 14 minute and read that to see whether or not it reads
- 15 like the Commission's conclusion.
- 16 MR. ROONEY: It either is or isn't.
- 17 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 18 O You can start at bottom of
- 19 Page 207 for example where it says, "The Commission
- is not convinced that either position is correct.
- 21 On 212, it talks about many
- intervenors taking issue with something.
- 23 At the top of 213, it says "The
- 24 Commission finds the embedded cost-of-service study

- 1 fails in several respects to properly allocate
- 2 significant costs to cost-causers and to correctly
- 3 measure the cost of service of various classes and
- 4 subclasses, right?
- 5 A That's what it says, right.
- 6 Q Does that sound like a Commission
- 7 conclusion?
- 8 A Yes, it does.
- 9 When it says "The Commission finds," I
- 10 would agree that sounds like a Commission conclusion.
- 11 Q Right.
- 12 And then the third paragraph on 213
- begins, "The Commission disagrees."
- 14 Correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And the second sentence says, "However, as
- 17 we've noted, the substantial deficiencies and
- 18 specific elements in the embedded cost-of-service
- 19 study render it problematic for purposes of rate
- 20 setting in this docket."
- 21 Right?
- 22 A Yes, it says that, yes.
- 23 Q So you agree then that the Commission found
- 24 to problematic to even rely upon the embedded

- 1 cost-of-service study to set rates in that
- proceeding, right?
- 3 A That's what that sentence says, but we did
- 4 set rates based on that cost-of-service study.
- 5 Q But they found it so troubling that they
- 6 had to open up a second investigation, this
- 7 proceeding, in order to look into specific areas and
- 8 actually re-examine the rate design, correct?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q You understand that the Commission
- 11 specifically expressed concerns related to the
- 12 allocation of customer-care costs, right?
- 13 A That was one of the items identified, yes.
- 14 O You understand that the customer-care costs
- are those costs associated with ComEd providing
- 16 billing and customer service, right?
- 17 A Customer-care costs include billing and
- 18 customer service, yes.
- 19 Q And you understand the question regarding
- 20 customer-care costs is whether ComEd has properly
- 21 allocated the customer-care costs to the supply
- 22 function in its delivery function, right?
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 O And you agree that ComEd incurs

- 1 customer-care costs associated with both its supply
- 2 function and its delivery function, right?
- 3 A I think that's really a subject of
- 4 Mr. Meehan's testimony. I did not testify on
- 5 customer care.
- 6 Q Well, actually, he deferred to you on some
- 7 of the questions with regards to the actual costs of
- 8 customer care, but we'll get into that further.
- 9 You wouldn't have any reason to
- 10 disagree with Mr. Meehan's conclusion that ComEd
- incurs customer-care costs associated with both its
- supply and its delivery function, would you?
- 13 A If that's what Mr. Meehan testified to, I
- 14 wouldn't disagree.
- Q Well, you were here. You heard him testify
- 16 to that yesterday, right?
- 17 A I can't say I listened to every single
- 18 word, but I was here.
- 19 Q And we had an exchange with Mr. Meehan and
- 20 your name came up, actually, as to one of the
- 21 witnesses that could address some of those issues,
- 22 right?
- 23 A I do recall.
- 24 O And so -- would you agree that

- 1 supply-related customer-care costs should be
- 2 recovered in ComEd supply rates?
- 3 MR. ROONEY: Objection. This -- the witness
- 4 has testified already. It's asked and answered.
- 5 He isn't the witness on this point.
- 6 Mr. Meehan handed off specific questions, not the
- 7 entire issue to Mr. Alongi.
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: Again, Mr. Alongi is the person
- 9 who --
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: If he knows the answer, he can
- 11 answer it.
- 12 MR. TOWNSEND: -- who designs the retail rate
- 13 design.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
- What was the question?
- 16 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 17 Q To the extent ComEd incurs supply-related
- 18 customer-care costs, do you agree that those costs
- should be recovered in ComEd supply rates?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q So if ComEd incurs supply-related
- 22 customer-care costs that ComEd can identify as being
- 23 related solely to the supply side of its business,
- 24 your testimony is that those costs should be

- 1 attributed to the delivery services' rates?
- 2 A I think the key word there is "solely."
- 3 Q Okay. So you would agree that to the
- 4 extent that ComEd can identify customer-care costs
- 5 that are solely supply-related, those should be
- 6 recovered in the supply rates?
- 7 A Well, I guess, I'm looking at my ComEd
- 8 Exhibit 1.0, Page 27, where I gave some history on
- 9 the supply administration costs.
- 10 And I referenced at Lines 569 through
- 11 591 some guidance that the Commission gave with
- 12 respect to what was then called the Supply
- 13 Administration Costs in ComEd's 2007 Progurement
- 14 Proceeding.
- 15 And in that proceeding, as I indicated
- in my testimony, Staff was concerned that ComEd
- 17 Procurement Tariff would create an inappropriate
- 18 incentive to inflate the supply rate and argued to
- 19 limit the scope of the supply tariff, Rider PE,
- 20 Purchased Electricity, to recover only those
- 21 administrative costs that directly result from
- 22 ComEd's discharge of its supply responsibilities, but
- 23 not common costs that might otherwise be applicable
- 24 to supply.

- 1 And in response to that, in the tariff
- 2 that we filed in compliance with that order, there is
- 3 a provision that says ComEd makes it clear that the
- 4 internal and administrative costs that will flow
- 5 through the rider are incurred solely as a result of
- 6 ComEd meeting its statutory procurement obligation.
- 7 So, I guess, in my mind, I don't
- 8 believe customer-care costs fall into that category.
- 9 O Don't fall into what category?
- 10 A Costs that's solely related to the
- 11 discharge of ComEd's responsibilities in the
- 12 procurement of supplies.
- 13 O So that's what the Commission had
- instructed ComEd to follow, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q As a matter of ratemaking principles, would
- 17 you agree that supply-related customer-care costs
- 18 should be recovered in ComEd supply rates?
- 19 MR. ROONEY: Objection. It's beyond his
- 20 testimony.
- 21 He's not the policy witness talking
- 22 about this issue.
- MR. TOWNSEND: He's the head of ComEd's retail
- 24 rate design.

- JUDGE HILLIARD: He is not the policy witness,
- 2 but you ought to know the policy.
- 3 MR. ROONEY: But his testimony doesn't even
- 4 touch upon this anywhere in his testimony, your
- 5 Honor.
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: If he knows what the policy
- 7 is, he can answer the question.
- If he doesn't, he can say he doesn't
- 9 know.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Well, under ComEd's policy in
- 11 this case, we would not allocate those customer-care
- 12 costs to supply.
- 13 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 14 Q I understand that's what you've done here.
- The question is: As a matter of
- 16 ratemaking principle, would you agree that
- 17 supply-related customer-care costs should be
- 18 recovered in supply rates?
- 19 A I can agree that they could be, but I can't
- 20 agree that they should be.
- 21 Q And the reason that you don't say that they
- 22 should be is because of a prior Commission directive,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q And the Commission also directed ComEd in
- 2 this case to look at the customer-care cost issue
- 3 again, correct?
- 4 A They did.
- 5 (Whereupon, there was
- a change of reporters.)
- 7 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 8 Q Would you agree that REACT, through the
- 9 testimony of Mr. Merola, has presented an argument
- 10 that there should be an allocation of a percentage of
- 11 the customer care costs to ComEd's supply function?
- 12 A I agree that's what Mr. Merola testified
- 13 to, yes.
- 14 O You'd agree that Mr. Merola doesn't arque
- 15 that all of the customer care costs should be
- 16 allocated to the supply function, right?
- 17 A He does not.
- 18 O Instead, Mr. Merola recommends that a
- 19 percentage -- about 31 percent -- of the total
- 20 revenue requirements for customer care be allocated
- 21 to the supply function, right?
- 22 A I don't recall the exact percentage. I
- 23 recall a figure of \$88 million or something like
- 24 that.

- 1 O There were some customer care costs that
- 2 ComEd has directly assigned to the supply function,
- 3 correct?
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q And we discussed those with yesterday with
- 6 Mr. Meehan, the witness that the company had
- 7 presented on the allocation of customer care costs,
- 8 right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And I believe Mr. Meehan deferred to you on
- 11 that item with regards to the specific allocation,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A T believe that's true.
- 14 Q Would you agree that under ComEd's embedded
- 15 cost of service study, .04 percent of the total
- 16 revenue requirements for customer care would be
- 17 allocated to the supply function?
- 18 A I'm not sure what the percentage is. I
- 19 recall that there was a 1 \$12,000 or so of electric
- 20 service station department -- or I'm sorry --
- 21 electric supplier service department costs that were
- 22 allocated to supply, and they are part of the
- 23 customer care operations.
- 24 Q And yesterday, Mr. Meehan indicated that

- 1 you'd be the appropriate person to talk to about the
- 2 way in which the \$112,482 of customer care costs were
- 3 attributed to ComEd's supply costs, right?
- 4 A I believe he may have deferred that to me.
- 5 Q Do you have in front of you what's been
- 6 previously marked as REACT Cross Exhibit Meehan 10?
- 7 A No.
- 8 MR. TOWNSEND: May I approach?
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: Yes.
- 10 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 11 Q I'll hand you what's been previously marked
- 12 as REACT Cross-Examine Meehan 10. I'd ask you to
- 13 turn to Page 5 of 6. Let me know once you've had a
- 14 chance to review that.
- 15 A Okay.
- 16 JUDGE HAYNES: Go ahead.
- 17 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 18 Q And did you review this yesterday after we
- 19 had presented this to Mr. Meehan?
- 20 A I borrowed a copy from Mr. Gower, yes.
- Q What is ESSD?
- 22 A Electric supplier services department.
- 23 Q What functions do the employees in that
- 24 department perform?

- 1 MR. ROONEY: Objection, your Honor. This --
- 2 this -- first of all, this is testimony -- this is an
- 3 exhibit from the '07 rate case. It's not part of
- 4 this case, and Mr. Meehan went through the
- 5 description of the different areas in his testimony.
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: This document has been
- 7 admitted. I think he can ask a question if it's
- 8 foundation or...
- 9 THE WITNESS: My understanding of the
- 10 activities performed by ESSD are to interface with
- 11 retail electric suppliers to manage -- they're DASRS,
- 12 D-A-S-R-S, direct access service requests -- when
- 13 customers switch suppliers either from ComEd to an
- 14 alternative supplier or from an alternative supplier
- 15 to ComEd.
- 16 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 17 Q And just to be clear, that this -- ComEd
- 18 Exhibit 12.3 was something that you sponsored in the
- 19 2007 rate case, correct?
- 20 A Yes, it is.
- Q Would you agree that ESSD costs are common
- 22 costs, that is, the ESSD services support both
- 23 ComEd's supplier function and its delivery services
- 24 function?

- 1 A No, they're responsible for interfacing
- with suppliers and managing switches of supply.
- 3 Q So are you suggesting that ESSD is solely
- 4 related to the supply function of ComEd?
- 5 A Well, the portion that they identified,
- 6 which I guess is 18 percent of the ESSD costs.
- 7 Because I'm not familiar with the other activities
- 8 other than what was outlined in this document, I
- 9 guess I can't comment.
- 10 Q Well, I guess, based on this document, you
- 11 would conclude that there are other activities that
- 12 are delivery services related, correct?
- 13 A I don't know what the other activities are.
- 14 I suppose you could conclude that, by default,
- they're delivery, but I guess I don't know that.
- 16 Q But that's what you would conclude looking
- 17 at this document, correct?
- 18 A Likely, yes.
- 19 O And as you indicated, this document
- 20 suggests that ComEd has determined that 18 percent of
- 21 the costs associated with the ESSD were related to
- 22 supply, right?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 O And this was done based on an estimate of

- 1 the activities that the staff in that department
- 2 conducted, correct?
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 Q And that determined estimated labor costs
- 5 related to the supply function for the ESSD team; is
- 6 that correct?
- 7 A I believe this is all labor, yes.
- 8 O And that labor allocator was only used to
- 9 allocate the employees' time, right? It wasn't used
- 10 to allocate the fixed costs associated with ESSD?
- 11 A I'm not familiar with what fixed costs ESSD
- 12 might have, but this relates only to the labor.
- 13 Q Well, you could have calculated what fixed
- 14 costs ESSD team has, right?
- MR. ROONEY: Objection, your Honor. He said he
- 16 doesn't know what all the functions are at ESSD.
- 17 JUDGE HILLIARD: Yeah.
- 18 MR. TOWNSEND: But --
- 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think that's reasonable.
- 20 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 21 Q But you don't need to know all the
- 22 functions in order to be able to understand the fixed
- costs associated with the team, do you?
- 24 JUDGE HILLIARD: You asked him if he could

- 1 calculate the cost. If he doesn't know what the
- 2 function is, how is he going to calculate the cost?
- 3 Maybe start another question. Try
- 4 another question.
- 5 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 6 O The fixed costs associated with a
- 7 particular team would include what types of costs?
- A group of employees would have what
- 9 type of fixed costs associated with them?
- 10 MR. ROONEY: Objection. He's asking to witness
- 11 to speculate on --
- JUDGE HILLIARD: No, he -- he's the witness who
- ought to know this, it seems to me.
- 14 Overruled.
- THE WITNESS: Well, I am not actually the cost
- 16 of service witness, but I will attempt to answer.
- I believe the fixed costs might relate
- 18 to computer equipment, the building that they're in,
- 19 those type of things.
- 20 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 21 Q And for some costs, ComEd uses a labor
- 22 allocator in order to be able to determine the amount
- that's used in the embedded cost of service study,
- 24 right?

- 1 A I know that there's labor allocators and
- 2 general allocators, but that's the extent that I
- 3 know.
- 4 O Well, a labor allocate -- well, strike
- 5 that.
- A similar methodology that was used
- 7 for the ESSD team could have been used related to
- 8 ComEd's billing services, right?
- 9 A For what purpose?
- 10 Q There could have been an estimate as to the
- 11 amount of time that was devoted to supply-related
- 12 issues going through the detail similar to what was
- done for the ESSD team, right?
- MR. ROONEY: Objection, your Honor.
- Mr. Meehan is the witness who prepared
- 16 the avoided cost study related to customer care costs
- 17 and this witness did not do that. The question that
- 18 was handed off was from Mr. Meehan yesterday to
- 19 Mr. Alongi was the derivation of the \$112,000.
- 20 Mr. Meehan testified he had never seen this document
- 21 before and that's why it was handed off to
- 22 Mr. Alongi.
- The question he's asking Mr. Alongi to
- 24 talk about what took place or what could have taken

- 1 place in the -- in the development of the avoided
- 2 cost study. That's -- that is not within the
- 3 testimony of Mr. Alongi and it wasn't deferred to him
- 4 yesterday.
- 5 MR. TOWNSEND: It was deferred to him
- 6 yesterday. This is exactly what the line of
- 7 questioning that was deferred to Mr. Alongi
- 8 yesterday.
- 9 And -- and I couldn't have gone down
- 10 that line with Mr. Meehan because he didn't -- he'd
- 11 never seen this document before. This witness, on
- 12 the other hand, sponsored this document in the last
- 13 rate case.
- 14 MR. ROONEY: He sponsored a document for
- purposes of derivation of \$112,000. What this
- 16 question he's asking is for then Mr. Alongi to
- 17 compare what took place or could have taken place
- 18 with regard to the study in this case.
- 19 He didn't hand off this entire line of
- 20 questioning, clearly. He only handed off the fact
- 21 that how this \$112,000 was derived. And I'll get the
- 22 transcript here in a moment.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: You know, this isn't a
- 24 tag-team thing. Somebody's got to answer these

- 1 questions.
- 2 The thing with this document yesterday
- 3 was that they said it was -- it wasn't his document.
- 4 He hadn't seen it before. Either he knows the answer
- 5 or he doesn't know the answer, but he should give an
- 6 answer.
- 7 MR. ROONEY: Your Honor, I don't disagree with
- 8 the \$112,000. That's not the question that was being
- 9 posed, your Honor.
- 10 May I ask to have the question read
- 11 back.
- 12 JUDGE HILLIARD: Sure.
- 13 (Record read as requested.)
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: Maybe you should -- can you
- 15 reformulate that a little bit, make it a little more
- 16 concrete?
- 17 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 18 O In order to calculate the costs associated
- 19 with the ESSD employee time, there was an estimate of
- 20 the amount of time that was related to supply,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A Correct.
- 23 Q And that estimate then was used to be able
- 24 to calculate a potential cost or an actual cost that

- 1 you used in the embedded cost of service study,
- 2 right?
- 3 A I don't recall if -- if these results went
- 4 into the embedded cost of service study. I seem to
- 5 recall that they did. I believe that there was a
- 6 column called supply administration costs. And then
- 7 got allocated.
- 8 So if my understanding is correct on
- 9 that, then they did get used in the embedded cost of
- 10 service study, yes.
- 11 Q Using a labor allocator, right?
- 12 JUDGE HILLIARD: Please turn your cell phones
- 13 on silent mode.
- 14 THE WITNESS: For this particular cost, I quess
- 15 you would consider this a type of labor allocator.
- 16 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 17 Q And a similar methodology of estimating the
- 18 labor for the billing department could have been done
- 19 in order to be able to estimate the amount of time
- 20 that the employees in the billing department use for
- 21 supply-related time, correct?
- MR. ROONEY: Objection.
- 23 THE WITNESS: In the --
- MR. ROONEY: And I guess it's unclear. Are you

- 1 asking with regard to the study that was done or
- 2 could have been done on the customer care cost issue,
- 3 Mr. Townsend?
- 4 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 5 Q Is it possible to conduct a similar type of
- 6 analysis for the billing department as what was done
- 7 for the electricity supplier services department?
- 8 JUDGE HILLIARD: Go ahead and answer the
- 9 question.
- 10 THE WITNESS: In the 2007 rate case or in the
- 11 current case or either?
- 12 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 13 O Either one. Let's do both.
- 14 A I mean --
- 15 Q Is there a difference?
- 16 A In the 2007 rate case, we simply didn't do
- 17 that.
- 18 O You didn't do it --
- 19 A Right.
- 20 Q -- but could you have done it?
- 21 A I'm not familiar enough with the other
- 22 customer care costs to know if they're readily
- 23 identified as supply versus delivery.
- Assuming that they are, I suppose you

- 1 could say that it could be, but I don't know enough
- 2 about that to say that's feasible.
- 3 Q Would you agree that a similar methodology
- 4 could have been used for the call center to try to
- 5 estimate the amount of employee time spent addressing
- 6 supply issues in association with the call center and
- 7 then allocating the employee time costs?
- 8 A My understanding from reading Mr. Meehan's
- 9 testimony is that they don't track costs in their
- 10 activity by supply versus delivery. So I would say
- 11 no.
- 12 Q Just because they don't specifically track
- 13 that time, do you think it would be impossible for
- 14 them to be able to estimate that time?
- 15 A I don't know on what basis you could
- 16 estimate it, if it's not tracked.
- 18 with the 18 percent of ESSD costs in 2006 was actual
- 19 or estimated?
- 20 A I believe it was estimated.
- 21 Q Okay. And so do you believe that they
- 22 actually tracked the costs in the ESSD or do you
- 23 think that that was based on some other information?
- 24 A I think they had a good idea of how they

- 1 spent their time on certain specific activities which
- 2 could be estimated. I don't believe that's the case
- 3 with customer care.
- 4 Q Did ComEd make that inquiry?
- 5 A I don't know. I think that is part what of
- 6 Mr. Meehan looked at.
- 7 Q Well, when it came to analyzing ComEd's
- 8 other customer care costs, aside from the ESSD, ComEd
- 9 did not make a similar estimate of the apportion of
- 10 employee time that was related to the supply
- 11 function, correct?
- 12 A That's correct.
- MR. ROONEY: For what period?
- 14 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 15 Q They didn't do it for any period, did they,
- 16 Mr. Alongi?
- 17 A No.
- 18 O Never have?
- 19 A Not to my knowledge.
- 20 Q Now, Mr. Meehan agreed yesterday that his
- 21 analysis used an avoided cost methodology to try to
- 22 answer the Commission's directive in this case about
- 23 customer care costs, right?
- 24 A That's correct.

- 1 Q And you agree that an avoided cost
- 2 methodology is different than the embedded cost
- 3 methodology that Mr. Merola used in his analysis,
- 4 right?
- 5 MR. ROONEY: Objection.
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: What's your objection?
- 7 MR. ROONEY: Mr. Alongi didn't present
- 8 testimony on the comparisons between the two
- 9 analyses.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Well, he can answer the
- 11 question if he knows the answer. If he doesn't know
- the answer, he can say "I don't know."
- 13 THE WITNESS: They're two different analyses.
- 14 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 15 Q Right. And Mr. Meehan uses avoided cost
- 16 methodology and Mr. Merola uses embedded cost
- 17 methodology, right?
- 18 A Mr. Merola looked at embedded costs and I
- 19 think attempted to determine what portion he believed
- 20 related to supply versus delivery. If that's what
- 21 you call embedded cost, I agree that's what he did.
- 22 Q Well, you agree that embedded cost
- 23 methodology requires a number of assumptions, even
- 24 including your -- ComEd's embedded cost of service

- 1 study, correct?
- 2 A Yes, I would agree. I mean, there's
- 3 decisions made on which allocators to use for certain
- 4 costs.
- 5 Q And sometimes you don't even have the
- 6 information, right, and so you have to use
- 7 engineering judgment or some other judgment, right?
- 8 A There are certainly judgments that are made
- 9 in designing an embedded cost of service study.
- 10 Q We'll get back to that.
- 11 But you understand that the initiating
- order in this case requires the study that, quote,
- 13 analyzes the cost of providing customer care to a
- 14 customer taking supply from an alternative supplier
- 15 versus the cost of providing customer care to a
- 16 customer taking supply from ComEd, right?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q So it specifically requires an analysis of
- 19 the cost of providing the customer care, right?
- 20 MR. ROONEY: Objection, your Honor. The order
- 21 speaks for itself, A.
- 22 B, again --
- 23 MR. TOWNSEND: I'll withdraw the question. A
- 24 and B.

- 1 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 2 Q It does not -- the order -- it's your
- 3 understanding that the initiating order in this case
- 4 did not direct ComEd to use an avoided cost
- 5 methodology to analyze customer care, correct?
- 6 A It didn't direct one way or the other.
- 7 O It didn't direct ComEd to analyze various
- 8 switching scenarios, did it?
- 9 MR. ROONEY: Okay. This -- Mr. Alongi is not
- 10 the witness that testified to customer care costs and
- 11 the manner in which the Company conducted the
- analysis to meet the requirements of the Commission's
- 13 initiating order.
- 14 JUDGE HILLIARD: Well, I think he can answer
- 15 the question if he knows the answer. If he doesn't
- 16 know the answer, then he doesn't have to answer.
- 17 MR. ROONEY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Could you --
- 19 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 20 O The Commission did not direct ComEd to
- 21 analyze various switching scenarios in order to be
- 22 able to calculate its customer care costs, correct?
- 23 A In the initiating order, I don't recall
- 24 seeing anything about analyzing switching statistics

- 1 specifically, no.
- Q And the Commission staff didn't present any
- 3 testimony in the 2007 rate case or in this proceeding
- 4 requesting the Company to use an avoided cost
- 5 methodology to analyze customer care costs, did it?
- 6 A I don't have any recollection of whether
- 7 they did or didn't.
- 8 Q Well, you're aware that the Commission has
- 9 indicated a preference for the Company to use an
- 10 embedded cost method in its overall cost of service
- 11 study, right?
- 12 A Yes, I believe I've already indicated that
- they've endorsed an embedded cost of service study.
- 14 O And you're not aware of any other costs
- included in ComEd's embedded cost of service study
- that are allocated using an avoided cost methodology,
- 17 are you?
- 18 A Not to my knowledge.
- 19 Q In fact, there's not a single other
- 20 category of costs in ComEd's embedded cost of service
- 21 study that's allocated using an avoided cost method,
- 22 right?
- 23 A I'm not that familiar with the embedded
- 24 cost, but not to my knowledge. I just don't know.

- 1 Q You would agree that even under the revised
- 2 embedded cost of service study presented in this
- 3 proceeding, the percentage rate increases that ComEd
- 4 is proposing are substantially higher for the 79
- 5 customers in the extra large and high voltage,
- 6 over-ten-megawatt customer classes than for other
- 7 classes, right?
- 8 A In this case?
- 9 O Yes.
- 10 A Well, again, we're not proposing any rates,
- 11 but we provided some illustrative rates for the
- 12 Commission's use.
- 13 And the rates for the extra large
- 14 load, high voltage and railroad classes if set at
- 15 equal percentage of embedded cost, 100 percent would
- 16 be larger increases than for the other classes.
- 17 Q Substantially larger?
- 18 Well, you'd -- I withdraw it.
- 19 You would acknowledge that in
- 20 Mr. Fults' Figure 1 on Page 24 of his direct
- 21 testimony, he presents a chart entitled ComEd's
- 22 proposed percentage increase in nonresidential
- 23 customer class distribution facility charge using the
- 24 revised ECOSS, right?

- 1 A Was this --
- 2 Q I'll -- yesterday, we marked a portion of
- 3 that as REACT Cross-Examine -- Cross-Examination
- 4 Hemphill 5.
- May I approach, your Honor?
- 6 JUDGE HILLIARD: Yes.
- 7 MR. TOWNSEND: Would you like --
- 8 JUDGE HILLIARD: No. Thanks.
- 9 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 10 Q And does -- does that accurately reflect
- 11 the increases that ComEd's revised -- revised ECOSS
- 12 would result in if the Commission were to adopt that
- as a basis for setting rates?
- 14 A I guess, for one thing, I can't tell in the
- 15 Column E revised ECOSS PS split what percentage that
- is in relation to which columns, A, B, C.
- 17 There's a column that starts out
- 18 pre-September 16, '08 rates, which is --
- 19 Q I guess --
- A -- which is prior to the last rate case.
- 21 Q I guess you're looking at the wrong chart.
- 22 I asked you to look at Figure 1.
- 23 A Okay.
- 24 O Does that show the relative magnitude of

- 1 the rate increases that would result if the
- 2 Commission were to adopt ComEd's revised ECOSS?
- 3 A I believe the bars in the chart in Table 1
- 4 relate to the percentages shown in Table 2, and I
- 5 still don't have a full understanding of the
- 6 percentages in Table 2.
- 7 Am I missing something?
- 8 Q No, they certainly relate. I'm just asking
- 9 you first about the magnitude of the increases as
- 10 reflected in Figure 1.
- 11 A But I guess what I want to understand, are
- 12 those increases from something prior to the last rate
- 13 case or are they from the rate case to now?
- 14 O Right. Those are increases prior -- from
- 15 the rates that were in effect prior to the last rate
- 16 case reflecting first the increase that was adopted
- in the final order in Docket No. 07-0566, and then
- 18 what would happen if ComEd's revised ECOSS that it's
- 19 presented in this case were adopted?
- 20 JUDGE HILLIARD: Are you preparing to answer
- 21 the question or are you just --
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to understand which
- 23 percentage is which.
- 24 From what I can tell, the percentages

- 1 that have been calculated in Column E of Table 2
- 2 which are reflected in the bars in Table 1 reflect a
- 3 change from prior to the last rate case to the
- 4 illustrative rates reflecting a primary-secondary
- 5 split. And I guess I'm questioning why that's an
- 6 appropriate percentage to even look at, for one.
- 7 But if it is, the magnitude of the
- 8 bars on Table 1 reflect the relative change in rates
- 9 from prior to the last rate case, but I would want to
- 10 emphasize that's only because it reflects the cost of
- 11 service as determined under the embedded cost of
- 12 service study.
- 13 JUDGE HILLIARD: As opposed to what? As
- 14 opposed to actual rates?
- THE WITNESS: All I'm trying to clarify is that
- 16 the increase results from setting rates based upon
- 17 the primary-secondary split based upon cost versus
- 18 the rates that are -- were in effect prior to the
- 19 last rate case.
- 20 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 21 Q And the Commission set --
- 22 A I mean, to me, we've already made one step,
- and that's completely ignored in this comparison and
- it exaggerates the percent impact.

- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. We can figure that
- 2 out. I think -- but this is just arithmetic and
- 3 you're comparing the numbers in Column A with the
- 4 numbers in Column C, and I think his questions relate
- 5 to are the calculations and percentages as
- 6 represented in the graph above accurate.
- 7 And if you look at the numbers, I
- 8 mean, your counsel can argue --
- 9 THE WITNESS: They're represented -- yeah, I
- 10 understand that.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: -- this isn't a relevant
- 12 comparison; but the question is, if you make the
- 13 comparison, is that accurate?
- 14 THE WITNESS: It looks to be accurate and I do
- 15 question the relative -- or the relevance --
- 16 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay. Fine.
- 17 THE WITNESS: -- of that comparison.
- 18 Thank you.
- 19 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 20 Q Now, Mr. Heintz yesterday pointed out that
- 21 ComEd did make some modifications to the embedded
- 22 cost of service it initially presented in this case,
- 23 right?
- 24 A I'm sorry. I was out in left field.

- 1 Q So, yesterday, we talked about this chart
- 2 with Mr. Heintz and he indicated that there were some
- 3 modifications to the ECOSS.
- 4 So that he was questioning whether the
- 5 numbers reflected in Table 2 were updated to reflect
- 6 the revised figures in the ECOSS. Do you recall
- 7 that?
- 8 A Not specifically, but I accept that it
- 9 occurred.
- 10 O And ComEd did make revisions in the ECOSS
- in your rebuttal testimony, right?
- 12 A That's correct, based upon some of the
- 13 sampling that we undertook after receiving some
- 14 criticism on engineering judgments.
- 15 Q Now, the changes that were made did not
- 16 result in major changes in the actual cost
- 17 allocations, did they?
- 18 A No, they -- the changes were fairly
- 19 insignificant as far as the overall impact.
- 20 MR. TOWNSEND: May I approach, your Honor?
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Yes.
- 22 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 23 Q I'll hand you what's being marked as REACT
- 24 Cross Exhibit Alongi 14? 15?

- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: 19.
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: 19.
- 3 (Whereupon, REACT Cross Alongi
- 4 Exhibit No. 19 was
- 5 marked for identification
- 6 as of this date.)
- 7 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 8 Q And that's a one-page exhibit that has two
- 9 different charts on it. The first chart is entitled
- 10 the Summary of Distribution Facility Charges For
- 11 Nonresidential Customers, ComEd ECOSS on Direct, and
- 12 the second chart is a summary of distribution
- 13 facilities' charges for nonresidential customers,
- 14 ComEd ECOSS on Rebuttal, correct?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And in Column E, the numbers are virtually
- identical between the two, correct?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q And would you agree that in order to be
- 20 able to determine the distribution facilities'
- 21 charges on rebuttal, that it would be appropriate to
- 22 look at ComEd Exhibit 6.3-B?
- 23 A I believe that's the correct exhibit for
- the primary-secondary only.

- 1 Q And so the percentages don't really vary or
- 2 perhaps vary by one percent in terms of the
- 3 differences between your direct testimony and your
- 4 rebuttal testimony, right?
- 5 A Very small variance, correct.
- 6 Q And in Mr. Fults' rebuttal testimony, he
- 7 put the percentage into real dollar figures, right?
- 8 A As I recall, he did some calculations for,
- 9 I guess what I would describe as hypothetical
- 10 customers.
- 11 O And I think that we distributed that
- 12 yesterday as a cross exhibit with Mr. Hemphill as
- 13 well. Do you have in front of you REACT
- 14 Cross-Examination Exhibit Hemphill 6?
- 15 A No.
- MR. TOWNSEND: May I approach, your Honor?
- 17 JUDGE HILLIARD: Yes.
- 18 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 19 Q Do you now have in front of you what has
- 20 been previously marked as REACT Cross-Examination
- 21 Exhibit Hemphill 6?
- 22 A Yes, I do.
- 23 Q And does that reflect the increases that
- 24 the various hypothetical customers would receive if

- 1 the Commission were to accept the embedded cost of
- 2 service study that ComEd has proposed in this rate
- 3 case?
- 4 A Again, I'll just try to clarify. We
- 5 haven't proposed any rates in this proceeding.
- 6 O I understand. If the Commission were to
- 7 accept ComEd's embedded cost of service study that it
- 8 presented in this case as a basis for setting rates,
- 9 do you agree that those are the increases that those
- 10 customers would receive?
- 11 A Can't say I've gone through the math.
- 12 I'm assuming what Mr. Fults did was
- 13 take the demands that he shows as customer size and
- 14 probably for simplicity, multiplied that demand by
- 15 the distribution facilities charge in effect at
- 16 whatever time you're looking at and based upon
- 17 whatever exhibit. And I'm assuming he did the math
- 18 correctly.
- 19 O Well, first of all, it does note at the
- 20 bottom of that as to how it is that he calculated
- 21 this, right?
- 22 It says, The increase is calculated by
- 23 multiplying the monthly kW times 12 months times the
- 24 dollar per kW increase in distribution facilities

- 1 charge, right?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And that was presented in his direct
- 4 testimony, right?
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: I mean, this is on rebuttal.
- 6 Do we really need to go through this?
- 7 THE WITNESS: This is rebuttal, I think.
- 8 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 9 Q I'm sorry. It's rebuttal testimony, right?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And ComEd didn't present its own analysis
- of customer impacts of its proposal -- of its
- 13 embedded cost of service study, did it?
- 14 A We provided impacts for certain customer
- 15 classes. We didn't do individual customers and we
- 16 didn't provide total bill impacts for customers over
- 17 400 kilowatts, as I recall.
- 18 Q And are you aware of --
- 19 A So, I mean, we didn't do a comparable
- 20 analysis like this.
- 21 Q And are you aware of any ComEd witness that
- 22 questioned Mr. Fults' calculation of the dollar
- 23 impact of ComEd's proposed ECOSS upon these
- 24 customers?

- 1 A No, I don't have any recollection of that.
- 2 No.
- 3 Q Now, this is a question that Dr. Hemphill
- 4 directed to you.
- 5 Are you aware of any substantial
- 6 change in usage patterns among the over-ten-megawatt
- 7 customers in the last few years that would justify
- 8 that huge increase?
- 9 A I'm not aware of any change in usage. But
- 10 what is driving the change is trying to institute
- 11 costs -- or charges that are based upon the class
- 12 costs.
- 13 Q Based upon ComEd's embedded cost of service
- 14 study that the Commission said that was problematic
- to use or rely upon for setting rates, right?
- 16 A Well, this compared --
- 17 MR. ROONEY: Objection -- objection to the
- 18 question, your Honor.
- 19 JUDGE HILLIARD: It's argumentative.
- 20 Sustained.
- 21 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 22 Q So I'm sorry. You agree then that there
- 23 was not a change in the usage patterns of the
- over-ten-megawatt customers that drove that change,

- 1 correct?
- 2 JUDGE HILLIARD: Asked and answered.
- 3 Sustained.
- 4 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 5 Q You're not aware of any substantial change
- 6 in the amount of ComEd plant that was used to provide
- 7 service to the over-ten-megawatt customers in the
- 8 last few years that would justify that enormous rate
- 9 increase, are you?
- 10 A That's part of the embedded cost of service
- 11 study and I'm not aware of any such change.
- 12 Q Would you agree that ComEd lacks direct
- 13 knowledge of how some costs are incurred?
- 14 A There's many, many departments that manage
- 15 their own budgets and I assume that those departments
- 16 know what causes the costs of their departments to be
- 17 incurred.
- 18 So I don't believe that there's that
- 19 lack of understanding what drives costs.
- 20 Q Well, REACT has repeatedly asked for
- 21 information about facilities that are used to serve
- the largest customers, right?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And ComEd has repeatedly said that it

- doesn't have that information, right?
- 2 A We've made available certain information
- 3 that includes one-line diagrams, circuit maps of the
- 4 facilities that serve the nine REACT customers. So
- 5 from a facilities standpoint, I think that
- 6 information has been made available.
- 7 What is difficult, if not impossible,
- 8 to do is tie actual costs to those facilities.
- 9 Q Well, actually, with regards to the nine
- 10 REACT members, you didn't provide information with
- 11 regards to three of them, right?
- 12 A Don't recall offhand. That may be the
- 13 case.
- 14 O Well, Mr. Fults noted that in his rebuttal
- 15 testimony, right, that ComEd failed to provide any
- 16 information with regards to three of the nine
- 17 members?
- 18 A I do recall Mr. Fults testifying to that.
- 19 Q And you didn't take issue with that
- 20 statement, did you?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q Are you aware of any other ComEd witness
- 23 that took issue with that statement?
- 24 A No.

- 1 Q And do you have any basis to take issue
- 2 with that statement?
- 3 MR. ROONEY: Objection, your Honor. At this
- 4 point, this is a discovery dispute.
- If he's asserting that we didn't
- 6 provide -- we've been down this road a lot of times.
- 7 And if he's trying to go down a discovery dispute, he
- 8 should have brought a proper motion for doing so.
- 9 JUDGE HILLIARD: Well, I think he can answer
- 10 the question.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I just don't recall if we
- 12 provided off -- or provided -- made available these
- 13 one-line diagrams and circuit maps for all nine or
- 14 for six of the nine. I just don't recall.
- 15 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 16 Q You admit that ComEd has repeatedly invoked
- 17 the term "engineering judgment" to explain its cost
- 18 approach in this proceeding, right?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And it -- ComEd used engineering judgment
- 21 because it claimed it lacked direct knowledge
- 22 regarding certain costs, right?
- 23 A We lacked specific data that could tell us
- 24 specifically whether certain facilities were primary

- 1 or secondary. That was the context in which we used
- 2 those engineering judgments.
- 3 Q And you'll acknowledge that a number of
- 4 parties, including Commission Staff and REACT, raised
- 5 questions about the validity of using engineering
- 6 judgment to answer the questions that the Commission
- 7 raised, right?
- 8 A There were several parties that expressed
- 9 concerns about the accuracy of the analysis that was
- 10 performed because we did use engineering judgments,
- 11 yes.
- 12 Q And as it turned out, your rebuttal
- 13 testimony acknowledged that ComEd made a number of
- 14 inaccurate assumptions when it relied solely upon its
- 15 engineering judgment, right?
- 16 A Some of our engineering estimates or
- judgments were revised. They were adjusted, yes.
- 18 O And ComEd reached that conclusion after it
- 19 undertook some extremely limited visual sampling of a
- 20 limited number of physical facilities, right?
- 21 A We looked at maps. And I guess by the
- visual inspection, I think the visual inspection was
- 23 of certain maps; not the facilities in the field
- 24 itself.

- 1 Q But you agree that the sampling was very
- 2 small, right?
- 3 A Right. We had a very limited amount of
- 4 time between the time that we received staff and
- 5 intervenor direct testimony to the time we had to
- 6 file rebuttal. And in that short period of time --
- 7 JUDGE HILLIARD: It's just a yes or no
- 8 question. Now, either you agree or you don't agree.
- 9 THE WITNESS: Can I ask what the question was?
- 10 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 11 Q Yeah. It was a really tiny sample size,
- 12 right?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O And REACT wasn't alone in questioning the
- 15 size of the samples, right?
- 16 A I don't recall.
- 17 Q Well, do you recall staff witness Lazare
- 18 saying that the sampling analysis demonstrates the
- 19 limitation of using engineering judgments alone to
- 20 identify primary and secondary costs on the ComEd
- 21 system and that there's a clear need to expand the
- 22 scope of visual inspections to test those judgments
- 23 and produce an accurate analysis of primary and
- 24 secondary costs?

- 1 A Yes, I do recall him testifying to that.
- 2 Q And you didn't take issue with Mr. Lazare's
- 3 statement in your surrebuttal testimony, did you?
- 4 A No.
- 5 Q And neither did any other ComEd witness,
- 6 did they?
- 7 A I don't believe so.
- 8 Q And in your rebuttal testimony, ComEd
- 9 offered new testimony and analysis with regards to a
- 10 number of inputs for the embedded cost of service
- 11 study, correct?
- 12 A In relation to the primary-secondary
- 13 analysis, yes.
- 14 O For example, you talked to Mr. Gower about
- 15 the wood poles 50 feet or less. Do you recall that?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And you admit in your rebuttal testimony
- 18 that ComEd's original assumption regarding the
- 19 percentage of wood poles 50 feet or less that have
- 20 secondary facilities attached was flawed, right?
- 21 A I acknowledged that there was a change in
- the percentage, yes.
- 23 Q And that was based on a very limited review
- of poles, correct?

- 1 A Very limited review of maps that showed
- 2 primary and secondary on poles.
- 3 Q And ComEd offered no justification in its
- 4 testimony for the number of poles that it actually
- 5 examined on the maps, did it?
- 6 A Not in testimony. But as I started to say,
- 7 we had very limited time and we had to mobilize the
- 8 engineering people to help us get the data.
- 9 Q And the result with regards to that
- 10 analysis of the wood poles 50 feet or less as a
- 11 result of the limited visual inspection was a
- 12 substantial change in that input, correct?
- 13 A I'd have to take a look.
- 14 O Would you accept, subject to check, that
- 15 the change was about 20 percent after performing that
- 16 very limited visual inspection?
- 17 MR. ROONEY: Objection. I'm not sure where
- 18 this cross is going since Mr. Townsend's already
- 19 crossed him on the fact that there was a very small
- 20 change in the result of the -- after the revisions
- 21 were made.
- 22 JUDGE HILLIARD: You know, I think you've
- 23 established that there's a substantial difference and
- 24 it's all based on a small sample size. I'm not sure

- 1 where you're going with this.
- 2 MR. TOWNSEND: I was just trying to get on the
- 3 record the magnitude. It was over 20 percent, your
- 4 Honor. I don't think we've got that.
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Can you answer
- 6 that question?
- 7 Can you agree with his estimate that
- 8 it was 20 percent?
- 9 THE WITNESS: I'd like to know how he derived
- 10 it.
- 11 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 12 Q You started off with 28.5 percent of those
- 13 poles having secondary facilities attached, correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- Q And you ended up with 23.5 percent, right?
- 16 A That sounds familiar.
- Q Okay. And that's about a 20 percent
- 18 reduction, correct?
- JUDGE HILLIARD: 5/28ths; is that about right?
- THE WITNESS: It's about 20 percent.
- 21 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 22 Q And, likewise, with the wood poles over 50
- 23 feet. After the limited visual inspection, you also
- 24 adjusted that number by about 20 percent, right?

- 1 A I recall an adjustment and I accept,
- 2 subject to check, that it was 20 percent.
- 3 Q Now, the sample sizes chosen by ComEd were
- 4 not the result of a professional statistical
- 5 analysis, right?
- 6 A No. As a result of the time in which we
- 7 had to do the sampling.
- 8 Q Did ComEd do any sampling from the time
- 9 that the Commission initiated this proceeding up
- 10 until the time of the intervenors submitting direct
- 11 testimony?
- 12 A We did use actual data from the SEGIS
- 13 (phonetic) system when it was available, if that's
- 14 what you call by sampling.
- I think when you have the data, that
- is a form of sampling. So, yes.
- 17 Q Did ComEd do any further sampling since it
- 18 filed its rebuttal testimony on June 19th?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q And the type of sampling that ComEd
- 21 personnel did is not within their normal job duties,
- 22 right?
- 23 A I would think not.
- 24 O Just like it's not within your department's

- 1 normal job duties to perform an embedded cost of
- 2 service study, right?
- 3 A Well --
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: I think that's a rhetorical
- 5 question and you don't have to answer it.
- 6 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 7 Q Well, ComEd hired Mr. Heintz and his
- 8 company to perform the embedded cost of service study
- 9 in the last rate case and also performed the
- 10 revisions to the ECOSS in this case, right?
- 11 A That's correct.
- 12 Q But ComEd has not retained an outside
- 13 consultant to perform the sampling of its facilities,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 O And neither has ComEd retained an outside
- 17 consultant to study ComEd's operations and
- 18 organization to determine how to allocate customer
- 19 care courses, right?
- 20 A That's correct.
- Q Mr. Meehan was assigned the task, right?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And according to his testimony, he was told
- 24 what analytical approach would be taken by Ms. Clair,

- 1 right?
- 2 MR. ROONEY: Objection that's beyond the scope
- 3 of this witness's testimony.
- 4 JUDGE HILLIARD: It's also asked and answered.
- If you know the answer to the
- 6 question, you can answer.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Based upon Mr. Meehan's testimony
- 8 yesterday, he was directed by Ms. Clair, yes.
- 9 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 10 Q ComEd could have retained an outside
- 11 consultant to undertake the visual inspections in the
- 12 customer care analysis, couldn't it?
- 13 A It's a budget question; but assuming
- 14 there's dollars in the budget, I suppose that could
- 15 happen.
- 16 O And the Commission itself could retain an
- outside consulting firm to perform those analyses,
- 18 right?
- 19 A I'm certainly sure that the Commission
- 20 could do that if they chose to.
- 21 Q And the Commission has retained outside
- 22 consultants to study utility operations in the past,
- 23 right?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 Q Now, there's been some testimony about the
- 2 cost and benefit judgments and whether it's worth it
- 3 for ComEd to undertake some study because of the
- 4 benefit might not justify the cost, right?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And you were in the room yesterday when we
- 7 discussed the magnitude of the rate increases,
- 8 correct?
- 9 MR. ROONEY: Clarify that question. ComEd's
- 10 not proposing any rate increases in this case.
- 11 BY MR. TOWNSEND:
- 12 Q When I say "rate increases," what I mean --
- and if you have any question, you can again ask me to
- 14 clarify it, Mr. Alongi.
- When I refer to rate increases, I'm
- 16 referring to the rate increases that would result if
- 17 the Commission were to adopt the embedded cost of
- 18 service study that the Company's put forward in this
- 19 proceeding.
- 20 Do you understand that?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And are you all right with that as a ground
- 23 rule going forward?
- 24 A Sure. It helps. Thank you.

- 1 Q For individual extra large customers, we're
- 2 talking about increases of hundreds of thousands, if
- 3 not millions, of dollars a year for the delivery
- 4 services portion of their electricity bills, right?
- 5 A That could very well be, but that's just
- 6 the delivery portion of their overall bill.
- 7 Q They could have all sorts of other costs,
- 8 but we're only focused on ComEd's service to them
- 9 which is the delivery services, right?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And those costs are annual increases,
- 12 right; that is, they recur on an annual basis?
- 13 A Assuming the customer continues to use
- 14 electricity in the same way that they did when the
- 15 rates were set, I would expect the customer to see
- 16 those increases year after year thereafter for their
- 17 distribution.
- 18 Q And they may go up after ComEd's next rate
- 19 case, right, whenever that might be?
- 20 A That could very well be.
- 21 Q Has ComEd told the extra large customers
- 22 when the next rate case is going to be filed?
- 23 A Not to my knowledge. I don't know when the
- 24 next rate case is going to be filed.

- 1 Q Has ComEd investigated what it would cost
- 2 if the Commission were to retain an independent third
- 3 party to analyze ComEd's cost of providing delivery
- 4 services to its largest customers?
- 5 A Not to my knowledge, no.
- 6 Q Has ComEd investigated what it would cost
- 7 if the Commission were to retain an independent third
- 8 party to analyze the appropriate allocation of
- 9 customer care costs between the delivery and supply
- 10 functions?
- 11 A No, not to my knowledge.
- 12 Q Now, you did make an estimate of what you
- 13 thought it would cost for ComEd to respond to REACT
- 14 Data Request 2.38 that was looking for cost data for
- 15 the REACT members or the -- actually, the extra large
- 16 customers and the customers with high voltage demands
- over ten megawatts, correct?
- 18 A I consulted with some engineering people
- 19 and they provided the estimate that I cited in my
- 20 affidavit.
- 21 Q You actually presented an affidavit that
- 22 estimated it would cost about a million dollars to do
- 23 that work, right?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 O And the affidavit estimated that it would
- take a minimum of 12 months, right?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 O So it's one million dollars, 12 months,
- 5 right?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And that's one time; nonrecurring, right?
- 8 A That's correct.
- 9 Q So to put that in perspective, you
- 10 acknowledge that the rate increase implied by the
- 11 revised ECOSS that ComEd has proposed here would
- 12 result in certain extra large customers individually
- 13 receiving increases in excess of two million dollars,
- 14 right?
- 15 A Based upon Mr. Fults' calculations.
- 16 Q Annually and recurring, right?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 O And although it would take some time to do
- 19 the study, you agree that it's not unusual for time
- 20 to pass in connection with Commission studies in
- 21 cases, right?
- 22 A For time to pass?
- 23 Q Yeah. When the Commission has hired
- 24 outside consultants, it takes some time for them to

- 1 go in and --
- 2 A Oh, yeah.
- 3 Q -- obtain the information?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q Right. And Mr. Fults pointed to a number
- 6 of instances where the Commission has hired outside
- 7 consultants, and you're familiar with the Commission
- 8 hiring outside consultants to look at ComEd's
- 9 facilities, right?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q So you'd agree with me that neither the
- 12 cost you've suggested nor the timing you've suggested
- would prevent the Commission, if it chose to do so,
- 14 to retain an independent third party to conduct the
- 15 work needed to provide the kind of information that
- 16 REACT has been seeking in this proceeding, right?
- 17 A I think that's fair to say, yes.
- 18 Q Now, you know that in a supplemental
- 19 response to the data request after your affidavit was
- 20 submitted, ComEd suggested an alternative methodology
- 21 for a study that would have cost less than a million
- dollars and would have been completed more quickly,
- 23 right?
- 24 A Yes.

- 1 MR. TOWNSEND: No further questions.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: Is that it?
- 3 MR. ROONEY: Can we have a couple minutes for
- 4 redirect, your Honor?
- 5 JUDGE HILLIARD: Okay.
- 6 MR. TOWNSEND: I'm sorry. Before we go, can we
- 7 move for the admission of REACT Cross Alongi 19?
- 8 JUDGE HILLIARD: Any problem with that?
- 9 MR. ROONEY: No.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Cross-Exam Alongi
- 11 Exhibit -- REACT Cross-Exam Exhibit 19 will be
- 12 admitted.
- 13 (Whereupon, REACT Cross Alongi
- 14 Exhibit No. 19 was
- 15 admitted into evidence as
- of this date.)
- 17 (Recess taken.)
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: Back on the record.
- 19 MR. TOWNSEND: Your Honor, there is one cleanup
- 20 matter.
- 21 REACT Cross Exhibit Meehan 10 has not
- 22 been moved into evidence yet and we would like to do
- 23 so now.
- MR. ROONEY: No objection.

- 1 JUDGE HILLIARD: Meehan 10 will be -- REACT
- 2 Meehan Cross Exhibit 10 will be admitted in the
- 3 record.
- 4 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you.
- 5 (Whereupon, REACT Meehan Cross
- 6 Exhibit No. 10 was
- 7 admitted into evidence as
- 8 of this date.)
- 9 MR. ROONEY: Your Honor, I have a few questions
- 10 for redirect for Mr. Alongi.
- 11 JUDGE HILLIARD: Proceed.
- 12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY
- MR. ROONEY:
- 15 Q Mr. Alongi, you recall being asked
- 16 questions about the revisions to your primary and
- 17 secondary analysis based on your initial inspections
- 18 of maps?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And you recall Mr. Townsend's questions
- 21 about the percentage magnitude of the changes in the
- 22 different results in the primary-secondary study?
- 23 A Yes. They were fairly small.
- 24 O And are those the results that are

- 1 reflected on REACT Cross Exhibit Alongi 19?
- 2 A Yes. I mean, the ultimate change was
- 3 fairly small.
- 4 O From a dollar perspective within the cost
- 5 study?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q During Mr. Townsend's cross-examination, he
- 8 asked you some questions about whether you were aware
- 9 of any changes in usage or costs for the extra large
- 10 class of customers that would result in the -- I
- 11 don't know what adjective he used to describe the
- 12 increase, but it was certainly colorful -- of the
- increase over existing rates.
- 14 Do you recall that line of
- 15 questioning?
- 16 A Yes, I do.
- 17 Q Mr. Alongi, if it wasn't usage and it
- 18 wasn't additional costs invested in for those
- 19 customers, then what's driving this increase in costs
- 20 and also resulting in the illustrative rates to those
- 21 customers?
- 22 A It's the change in allocation of cost to
- 23 the customer classes based upon the embedded cost of
- 24 service study, and the -- those changes are

- 1 illustrated in Table 7 -- or S-7 of ComEd Exhibit
- 2 10.0, corrected, on Page 40.
- And what that table shows is current
- 4 responsibility for revenue recovery in the second
- 5 column designated as responsibility at current rates.
- 6 And then the sixth column over shows the
- 7 responsibility with all the changes at a hundred
- 8 percent EPEC, and the rightmost column shows the
- 9 change from current. And the rightmost column shows
- 10 the changes in revenue responsibility for each of the
- 11 classes. And what it shows is that the extra large
- 12 load, high voltage and railroad class are allocated
- 13 additional costs based upon the cost study which they
- 14 were not allocated previously because, in essence,
- 15 they were being subsidized.
- 16 Q Are you saying that they weren't -- they're
- 17 not paying their cost of service under current rates?
- 18 A Correct.
- 19 Q And if they're being subsidized, who's
- 20 paying that subsidy?
- 21 A The other nonresidential classes.
- 22 O And that's also reflected here in
- 23 Table S-7?
- 24 A Yes. I mean, the change in allocations are

- 1 shown in the rightmost column. The -- and,
- 2 basically, what -- the amount that was being
- 3 subsidized is the amount that are those differences.
- 4 Q Okay. Thank you, Mr. Alongi.
- 5 Do you recall questions from Mr. Gower
- 6 regarding the current revenues being recovered under
- 7 rates from the railroad class and -- which was \$4.9
- 8 million?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q And that under illustrative rates, the
- 11 revenues collected from the railroad class would be
- 12 approximately \$7.5 million?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q The explanation you just provided for these
- the extra large customers, would that same
- 16 explanation be applicable to the railroad class?
- 17 A Yeah. Basically, what it amounts to is the
- 18 railroad class is paying two-thirds of the cost of
- 19 their service. And the other classes, I think, are
- 20 paying about 60 percent of the cost of their service,
- 21 the high voltage and the extra large.
- MR. ROONEY: Thanks, your Honor.
- We have no further questions.
- 24 JUDGE HILLIARD: Recross?

- 1 MR. TOWNSEND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 2 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 3 BY
- 4 MR. TOWNSEND:
- 5 Q Mr. Alongi, you said that the customers in
- 6 the extra large class are not paying their cost of
- 7 service, right?
- 8 A Right.
- 9 O And that assumes that you know the cost to
- 10 serve those customers, right?
- 11 A It's based upon the embedded cost of
- 12 service study that we prepared, yes.
- 13 Q And the only evidence that's presented here
- 14 is the embedded cost of service study with regards to
- 15 those costs, right?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And the embedded cost of service study that
- 18 you've presented in this case is very similar to the
- 19 embedded cost of service study that was presented in
- the 2007 rate case, right?
- 21 A It's been adjusted to include a
- 22 primary-secondary split. It's been adjusted to
- 23 include allocation of residential uncollectibles
- 24 evenly across the four residential classes, and it's

- 1 been adjusted to reflect the change in services
- 2 allocation identified by Mr. Lazare.
- 3 Q And even with those adjustments, you'd
- 4 agree that, bottom line, it's very similar to the
- 5 embedded cost of service study that was presented in
- 6 2007 rate case, right?
- 7 A I think the results are similar, yes.
- 8 Q And the impact on extra large customers are
- 9 similar, right?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And the Commission rejected the embedded
- 12 cost of service study that was presented in the 2007
- 13 rate case for the purposes of setting rates for the
- 14 extra large customers, right?
- MR. ROONEY: Objection. That -- that --
- 16 MR. TOWNSEND: We'll withdraw the question.
- 17 MR. ROONEY: Thank you.
- 18 JUDGE HILLIARD: Anybody else, recross?
- 19 MR. GOWER: One quick question, Mr. Alongi.
- 20 RECROSS-EXAMINATION
- 21 BY
- 22 MR. GOWER:
- 23 Q Your testimony about the railroad class not
- 24 paying -- or paying only about two-thirds of its

- 1 costs, that's based on the assumption that you have a
- valid cost of service study, isn't it?
- 3 A It's based upon the assumption that the
- 4 embedded cost of service study appropriately and
- 5 reasonably reflects the cost of service, yes.
- 6 Q Okay. And if there were flaws in that
- 7 study, you couldn't make that statement, could you?
- 8 MR. GOWER: I'll withdraw the question.
- 9 Nothing further.
- 10 JUDGE HILLIARD: Anybody else?
- 11 Okay. Is there anything else we need
- 12 to discuss or talk about?
- 13 MR. ROONEY: Your Honor, I don't know. I think
- 14 there's one witness that filed testimony. It's the
- 15 AG and I don't think they've offered anything into
- 16 evidence at this point.
- I didn't see anyone from the AG here
- 18 today. So I just raise that observation because I
- 19 know certain other testimony has been admitted in
- 20 response to that.
- JUDGE HILLIARD: All right. Well, maybe we can
- 22 leave the record open for that purpose, and I'll send
- 23 an e-mail to the AG's office and ask them what their
- 24 preference is.

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          JUDGE HAYNES: (No response.)
           JUDGE HILLIARD: Is there anything further from
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     a briefing scheduled; is that right?
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          MR. ROONEY: Correct.
          JUDGE HILLIARD: And the briefs are due in?
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          MR. ROONEY: November 20th and December 7th.
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          JUDGE HILLIARD: Anything else?
                    I don't think so. All right. We'll
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